

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
Held via Teams
November 28, 2022

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Members joining via Teams:

Judge Henry Cohn, Mary Etter, Maureen Sullivan, Sandy Ruoff, Justice Steven Ecker, Alison Clemens, Allen Hoffman, Sheri Szymanski, Sally Whipple

Members absent: Melissa Wlodarczyk-Hickey, Jessica de Perio Wittman

Others joining via Teams:

Deborah Schander, Dawn La Valle, Jane Beaudoin. Members of the public joining by phone who identified themselves were Lizette Pelletier (State Library), a representative from the Connecticut Library Association, Ellen Paul (CLC).

Chair Maureen Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and asked Jane Beaudoin to take roll call attendance of the Board. Maureen asked others joining the meeting by phone to please identify themselves.

At 1:05pm it was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (S. Ruoff) THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

At 2:25pm the Board came out of Executive Session.

It was Moved (M. Etter) seconded (S. Szymanski) TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA SO THAT NEW BUSINESS IS ADDRESSED FIRST. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

Maureen had to leave the meeting and Alison as Vice Chair ran the remaining proceedings.

NEW BUSINESS

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Fiber to the Library Grants-in-Aid: These are competitive grants to principal public libraries to help them complete their high-speed connections to the Connecticut Education Network (CEN). It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVE A NINETEENTH ROUND OF GRANTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT.

Fiber to the Library Grants-in-Aid

Motion

\$12,230 to Ferguson Library West Side Branch, Stamford
\$32,825.00 to Phoebe Noyes Griffin Library, Old Lyme
\$51,838.00 Ledyard Library Gales Ferry Branch, Gales Ferry

PASSED unanimously.

State Public Library Construction Grant Recommendations: There are two grant categories. Category 1 grants are for projects that create additional usable library space, such as new buildings, additions, and major alterations. Category 2 grants are projects that make buildings accessible in compliance with the

State Public Library Construction Grants

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), correct fire or building code violations, prepare for emergencies, remodel to accommodate new technologies or improve use of space, and energy conservation projects. Distressed municipalities are eligible for building maintenance projects.

It was MOVED (S. Szymanski) seconded (S. Whipple) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD AWARDS THE FOLLOWING STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS:

- \$1,000,000 to the Town of Bloomfield for McMahon Wintonbury Library
- \$250,000 to the Ferguson Library, Stamford
- \$95,335 to the Library Association of Warehouse Point, East Windsor
- \$95,000 to the Public Library of New London
- \$250,000 to the Russell Library, Middletown

PASSED unanimously.

One-Year Extension for Initiating a Public Library Construction Grant Project for the Brainerd Memorial Library, Haddam: It was immediately MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (S. Szymanski) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO JANUARY 23, 2024, FOR INITIATION OF THE BRAINERD MEMORIAL LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROJECT. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of 2023 Meeting Calendar: It was MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (S. Szymanski) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 2023: JANUARY 23, MARCH 27, MAY 22, JULY 24, SEPTEMBER 18, NOVEMBER 27. PASSED unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (A. Clemens) THAT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD. PASSED unanimously.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (S. Szymanski) seconded (S. Whipple) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE September 22, 2022, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with one abstention (A. Hoffman).

It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (S. Szymanski) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE October 17, 2022, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

Given the time constraints and since the balance of the agenda did not require the Board's action, Justice Ecker suggested that the remaining reports be deferred to the next meeting. He first asked Deborah if she had anything she would like to report. Deborah replied that her written report highlighted the pertinent information for the Board.

Motion

Grant Extension

Motion

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Sandy Ruoff offered the public an opportunity to comment at this time. There was no Public Comment.

It was MOVED (S. Ecker) seconded (S. Ruoff) that the remaining agenda items be deferred to the next State Library Board meeting. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

At 2:37pm it was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (S. Ecker) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Schander, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder