

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
Held via Teams  
September 19, 2022

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Members joining via Teams:

Judge Henry Cohn, Mary Etter, Bob Harris, Maureen Sullivan,  
Melissa Wlodarczyk-Hickey, Sheri Szymanski, Sandy Ruoff,  
Justice Steven Ecker, Alison Clemens, Jessica de Perio  
Wittman

Members absent: Allen Hoffman

Others joining via Teams:

Deborah Schander, Dawn La Valle, Jane Beaudoin. Other  
members of the public joining via Teams were not identified.

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Chair Maureen Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. She welcomed and acknowledged new board member Sally Whipple. Sally is a gubernatorial appointment and represents the museum professional position on the board.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Maureen gave Deborah the temporary role of Chair of the State Library Board for the Election of Officers. Allen Hoffman is Chair of the Nominating Committee and because he was absent from the meeting Jane Beaudoin was asked to give the Nominations Committee Report. Jane stated that a letter was sent to the Board members seeking nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the State Library Board. No nominations were brought forward. The current Chair and Vice Chair have expressed an interest in continuing for another term.

Mary Etter MOVED seconded (S. Ruoff) TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AND ALSO THE RE-ELECTION OF MAUREEN SULLIVAN AS CHAIR AND ALISON CLEMENS AS VICE CHAIR.

Before the election was voted on Deborah requested that the board go into Executive Session to discuss a personal personnel matter. At 1:10 p.m. it was MOVED (S. Ecker) seconded (M. Etter) THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND INCLUDE DEBORAH. Immediately before going into executive session, Jane took roll call attendance of the board.

At 2:11 p.m. the board came out of Executive Session. Mary Etter withdrew her motion to accept the report of the nominating committee, with the election to take place at the regular November meeting. Maureen stated that it was determined that the board needed to take some steps to address the matter discussed. Alison will take the lead in that work and will work with Jane to determine a date for a Special Meeting of the full board in October.

**BOARD COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting continued with Maureen again welcoming Sally to the board. Sally shared that she is proud to be part of the State Library Board and has always found the State Library to do good work and brings great value to the state of Connecticut.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion**

**Motion**

**BOARD COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deborah informed the board that a proclamation in honor of Bob Harris was requested from the Governor's office. She has been informed that it will be ready soon, and she will share it with the board once it's received.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Deborah's full written report was included in the board's meeting packet. She highlighted that on August 22 the State Library hosted a joint press event with Sen. Blumenthal to announce a \$948,000 grant received from congressionally directed funding. This will be a great opportunity to enhance the work that we do to preserve state documents. A secured digital repository for state records will be developed in concert with the Connecticut Digital Archive. Deborah invited questions to her report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment to the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) Advisory Committee: One individual was nominated to serve a 3 ½ year term on the LBPH Advisory Committee. It was MOVED (A. Clemens) seconded (S. Szymanski) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT OF DEB REED FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. PASSED unanimously.

Resolution for Kristi Finnan: It was immediately moved (A. Clemens) seconded (M. Hickey) THAT ON THIS 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022, THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES KRISTI FINNAN'S 21 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR HER LOYALTY AND LONGEVITY, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCERE WISHES FOR MANY FULFILLING AND PLEASURABLE RETIREMENT YEARS. PASSED unanimously.

**MINUTES**

It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (A. Clemens) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE July 25, 2022, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

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With no other matters to come before the Board, at 2:20 p.m. it was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (S. Ecker) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**STATE  
LIBRARIAN'S  
REPORT**

**NEW BUSINESS  
Appointment to the  
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**Motion**

**Resolution**

**Motion**

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Deborah Schander, Secretary

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Jane Beaudoin, Recorder