

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Hybrid Meeting via Teams with in-person location at the Middletown Library Service Center
July 24, 2023

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Members joining in person:

Sandy Ruoff, Sheri Szymanski

Members joining via Teams:

Justice Steven Ecker, Sally Whipple

Members absent: none

Others joining in person:

Deborah Schander, Jane Beaudoin, Matt Geeza (CSL)

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Deborah Schander.

ELECTION OF OFFICER

Deborah asked if anyone was interested in putting their name forward for the Committee Chair position. Some discussion followed about the role of the Committee Chair. Sheri stated that she would nominate herself. It was MOVED (S. Ruoff) seconded (S. Whipple) THAT SHERI SZYMANSKI BE VOTED CHAIR OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD BYLAWS COMMITTEE. PASSED unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICER

NEW BUSINESS

Review of the Current Bylaws: The Committee discussed the current State Library Board Bylaws and also the example Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Bylaws that Deborah shared with the Committee. The CSDE Bylaws were shared with the Committee because they have a similar governance structure, and their Bylaws detail the roles of the agency head, Board Chair, and the Board as a collective.

NEW BUSINESS
Review of Bylaws

Discussion followed with many examples of what needs to be updated in the current bylaws and emphasis was placed on being certain that the bylaws are consistent with the statutes. To help ensure compliance, any changes to the bylaws will be reviewed by the Attorney General's office.

It was agreed that Deborah will draft language revising the bylaws for the Committee's review at their next meeting which was scheduled for August 21 at 1pm.

At 12:38 pm, it was MOVED (S. Ruoff), seconded (S. Whipple) TO ADJOURN. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Schander, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder