

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
BYLAWS COMMITTEE
Held via Teams
August 21, 2023

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Members joining via Teams:
 Sheri Szymanski, Sally Whipple, Sandy Ruoff

Members absent: Justice Steven Ecker

Others joining via Teams:
 Deborah Schander, Jane Beaudoin (CSL)

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Chair Sheri Szymanski.
At this time there was not a quorum, so it was agreed to skip the approval of the minutes and proceed for discussion only of the Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued Discussion of Bylaws

At the last Bylaws Committee meeting it was agreed that Deborah would prepare suggested revisions to the Bylaws for the Committee's consideration. These suggested revisions were included in the Committee's meeting packets which the Committee members received well in advance. Sheri asked Deborah to summarize the proposed changes under discussion. Sally Whipple joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m. giving the Committee a quorum, and Deborah continued her summary.

Deborah reported that the Board of Education's Bylaws were very helpful in the drafting process because their governance structure is similar to the State Library's. Many of the substantive revision suggestions were adapted from these Bylaws.

Deborah explained that the proposed changes reflect all of the major activities of the Board and the State Librarian as she has experienced them, and asked the Committee members to let her know if they felt anything was missing. Deborah explained each of her suggested revisions and there was discussion following her summary.

Deborah added that there were a few additional items that she didn't initially include and would like to discuss for inclusion as well. Those items are:

- All Board members, regardless of their background or professional experience, are encouraged to consider serving as Chair or Vice Chair during their time on the State Library Board.
- The Board's recognition that the State Librarian is directly granted certain authority via statute rather than Board delegation, including oversight of State Library personnel.
- A Board member serving as parliamentarian during meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Continued
Discussion of
Bylaws

It was agreed that the additional items listed above should be included in the Bylaws.

Sheri asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none. It was MOVED (S. Ruoff) seconded (S. Whipple) THAT THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE APPROVE AND RECOMMEND THE REVISED BYLAWS AS AMENDED BY THE BULLETED ITEMS LISTED BELOW TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FULL BOARD AT ITS NEXT MEETING:

Motion

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- The Board's recognition that the State Librarian is directly granted certain authority via statute rather than Board delegation, including oversight of State Library personnel.
- The Vice Chair shall serve as the parliamentarian during meetings.

PASSED unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was MOVED (S. Whipple) seconded (S. Ruoff) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE July 24, 2023, STATE LIBRARY BOARD BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**
Motion

There being no further discussion, at 2:07 it was MOVED (S. Whipple) seconded (S. Ruoff) TO ADJOURN. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Schander, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder