

CAMDEN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 11, 2023

LOCATION: M. Allan Vogelson Branch

PRESENT: Suzanne Fox, Robert Weil, Pat Abusi, Earl Davis, Debra Kendall, Charlene Burd, Linda Devlin. County Counsel: Brandon Hawkins. Staff: Jennifer Druce, Antonella Kressel, Lauren Callahan, Barbara DelPidio.

The regular meeting of the Camden County Library Commission was held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 10:4-12.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Commissioner Abusi. Resolution #61-23 approved closing the meeting to discuss personnel issues in accordance with C10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commissioner Weil presented a motion to open the meeting to the public; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to accept the minutes for the June 2023 regular meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Weil. The regular minutes for June 2023 were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to accept the financial statements for May 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendall and Resolution #62-23, approving the financial statements for May 2023, was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Kendall presented a motion to accept the bills and vouchers for June 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and Resolution #63-23, approving the bills and vouchers for June 2023, was unanimously approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to accept the appointments and resignations for June 2023, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Weil and Resolution #64-23, approving the appointments and resignations for June 2023, was unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Ms. Devlin announced that so far this summer, 1,169 people have registered for the All Together Now themed Summer Reading Program and have read 82,582 minutes, which is over 1,376 hours. She said that the summer reading kickoff parties and programs have been very well attended and described a wonderfully interactive storytelling program that she attended earlier that day. Ms. Devlin thanked the staff for a great summer reading program; she acknowledged how much time and effort it takes to plan each year.

Associate Director Jennifer Druce updated the Commission on the following:

Ms. Druce praised Christen Orbanus, Branch Manager of the Merchantville Branch, for presenting Shake Your Sillies Out at the Vogelson Branch once a week this summer.

Staffing levels have improved. The Vogelson branch welcomed a full-time Adult Services Librarian and the Bellmawr Branch added a full-time Youth Services Librarian last month. There are interviews scheduled for two part time Librarian positions at the Vogelson Branch. The Vogelson, Gloucester Township and South County branches currently have open Youth Services Librarian positions.

Commissioner Kendall presented a motion to accept the Director's Report; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and the Director's Report was unanimously approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Reclassification, Building Maintenance Worker to Sr. Maintenance Worker: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to authorize the reclassification, Building Maintenance Worker to Sr. Senior Maintenance Worker, Kevin Coleman effective July 23, 2023; Commissioner Abusi seconded the motion and Resolution #65-23 was unanimously approved.

Grant Review Form-Adult Basic Skills Grant, Department of Labor: This grant allows the Library to continue offering programs to improve the literacy skills of adult Camden County residents at the basic skills level. Commissioner Weil presented a motion to approve the Grant Review Form-Adult Basic Skills Grant, Department of Labor in the amount of \$105,000; Commissioner Burd seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Delegating the Authority to Make Purchases and Enter Into Contracts Under \$44,000 to the Library Director: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to approve delegating the authority to make purchases and enter into contracts Under \$44,000 to the Library Director; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and Resolution #66-23 was unanimously approved.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS: There is no other Commission business. Commissioner Kendall presented a motion to move to the public portion of the meeting; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, and it was unanimous to move to the public portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION: There is no public comment. Commissioner Weil presented a motion to move to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Abusi seconded the motion, and it was unanimous to move to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, and it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Devlin, Director
July 12, 2023



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Certified by _____ Date: _____
Linda A. Devlin, Director