

**CAMDEN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: October 10, 2023

LOCATION: M. Allan Vogelson Branch

PRESENT: Suzanne Fox, Robert Weil, Pat Abusi, Charlene Burd, Earl Davis, Debra Kendall. 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 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 Davis. Resolution #82-23 approved closing the meeting to discuss personnel issues in accordance with C10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Kendall 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 September 2023 regular meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Burd. The regular minutes for September 2023 were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to accept the financial statements for August 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and Resolution #83-23, approving the financial statements for August 2023, was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to accept the bills and vouchers for September 2023; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and Resolution #84-23, approving the bills and vouchers for September 2023, was unanimously approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Davis presented a motion to accept the appointments and resignations for September 2023, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and Resolution #85-23, approving the appointments and resignations for September 2023, was unanimously approved.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Associate Director Jennifer Druce presented the Director's Report.

Ms. Druce announced that Banned Books Week was October 1 through October 7<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual event that celebrates the freedom to read and spotlights current and past attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. Many of the Library's branches had book displays and the Library shared social media posts regarding censorship.

Ms. Druce announced that the new flooring at the Ferry Avenue Branch should be completed by the end of the week.

Ms. Druce announced that the Virtual Author Keynote Event Series continues November 16<sup>th</sup> with a visit from Kwame Alexander. This year's event is aimed at 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders and will focus on Mr. Alexander's novel *The Crossover*. This event is presented by the Camden County Youth Services Commission, the Camden County Library System, and the Camden County Board of Commissioners.

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

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Revision, Boiler Operator Agreement, Merchantville Public School: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to approve revision, Boiler Operator Agreement, Merchantville Public School; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and Resolution #86-23 was unanimously approved.

Reclassification, Seykot, Librarian 1 to Librarian 2: Commissioner Burd presented a motion to approve the reclassification, Seykot, Librarian 1 to Librarian 2; Commissioner Kendall seconded the motion and Resolution #87-23 was unanimously approved.

Public Service Policy Update: CIR-2, Library Cards for Residents of Non-Member Communities/Paid Cards: Commissioner Weil presented a motion to approve Public Service Policy Update: CIR-2, Library Cards for Residents of Non-Member Communities/Paid Cards; Commissioner Burd seconded the motion and Resolution #88-23 was unanimously approved.

Public Service Policy Update: CIR-8, Fees: Commissioner Davis presented a motion to approve Public Service Policy Update: CIR-8, Fees; Commissioner Kendall seconded the motion and Resolution #89-23 was unanimously approved.

Play to Play- EBSCO Novelist, \$21,320.00: This item has been tabled until the November 2023 Library Commission Meeting.

Play to Play- EBSCO Periodicals \$35,106.32: Commissioner Davis presented a motion to approve Play to Play- EBSCO Periodicals in the amount of \$35,106.32; Commissioner Weil seconded the motion and Resolution #90-23 was unanimously approved.

Cancel Grants Receivable and Grants Appropriated: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to approve Cancel Grants Receivable and Grants Appropriated; Commissioner Burd seconded the motion and Resolution #91-23 was unanimously approved.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS:

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Weil presented a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Burd seconded the motion, and it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Druce, Associate Director  
October 11, 2023

Certified by  Date: 10-11-23  
Jennifer Druce, Associate Director