

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY**

Date: September 8, 2020

Meeting: Special

Place: Virtual

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Ms. Clemons, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia,
Mr. Olson, and Ms. Redden

Trustees Absent: Ms. Allen, Ms. Kohnen,

Present: Paula Brehm-Heeger, Molly DeFosse, Brett
Bonfield, Staci Dennison, Kyla Hardin,
Holbrook Sample, and Beth Yoke

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Olson moved the following:

- Approve authorization for Paula Brehm-Heeger, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director, to take needed action for consolidating the multiple parcels that make up the Walnut Hills branch site.

During the planning for the renovation and addition, it has been determined that we need to consolidate the multiple parcels that make up the site. We have been working with the Prosecutor's Office and various county agencies to achieve this goal.

We are requesting the Board approves, authorizes, and directs the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director to consolidate the following parcels owned by the Board:

067-0003-0033-00 2521 Kemper Lane
067-0003-0157-00 2525 Kemper Lane
067-0003-0147-00 2529 Kemper Lane
067-0003-0038-00 2531 Kemper Lane
067-0003-0137-00 2533 Kemper Lane
067-0003-0043-90 929 William H Taft Rd; and

In addition, we are requesting that the Board hereby approves, authorizes, and directs the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the consolidation of these parcels, and to deliver and execute any related documents which are reasonably required and are proper to substantially carry out the intent and purposes of this resolution; and that the Board authorizes this authority only for this parcel consolidation.

Ms. Redden seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Clemons, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia, Mr. Olson and Ms. Redden... 5 ayes. The motion carried. **(29-2020)**.

Ms. Redden moved the following:

- The Board of Trustees approve the resolution as written to create a new CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund – Public Libraries Grant fund as well as set the resources and appropriations for the fund.

The CARES funding recently approved for libraries is federal funding and will require a new special revenue fund for the Library.

In accordance with ORC 5705.09, the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County finds that a CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund - Public Libraries Grant fund needs to be established to receive money from the Federally funded CARES Act which will be administered by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM); and the fund name must be called "CARES Act Grant Fund"; therefore be It resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County hereby establishes the CARES Act Grant Fund for the purpose(s) of receiving money from the CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund - Public Libraries Grant and paying the associated expenses in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

Mr. Olson seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Clemons, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia, Mr. Olson and Ms. Redden... 5 ayes. The motion carried. **(30-2020)**.

Ms. Redden moved the following:

- Approve authorization to establish the estimated resources and annual appropriations for the CARES Act Grant Fund as follows:

Intergovernmental Receipts	
Federal	1,025,000.00
Total Receipts	1,025,000.00
EXPENDITURES	
Supplies	
General Administrative Supplies	625,000.00
Capital Outlay	
Furniture and Equipment	400,000.00
Total Expenditures	1,025,000.00

Mr. Hendon seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Clemons, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia, Mr. Olson and Ms. Redden... 5 ayes. The motion carried. **(31-2020)**.

Mr. Hendon moved the following:

- Authorize Library staff to be paid their regular hours worked while working polling locations for the November 3, 2020 election, in accordance with ORC 3501.28.

The upcoming election will present a fair number of challenges for everyone involved. Many Library locations serve as polling locations. In addition, we have heard concerns about the availability of poll workers during the pandemic. Recently Frank LaRose, Secretary of State, said many of the poll workers who normally work fall into the vulnerable population so it was necessary for a new group of workers to come forward. ORC 3501.28 F(b) allows the Library board to approve a resolution to allow Library employees to work at the polls on election day and be paid their regular wages.

We will bring a detailed policy regarding the details of the practice to the Board in October 2020.

Ms. Redden seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Clemons, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia, Mr. Olson and Ms. Redden... 5 ayes. The motion carried. **(32-2020)**.

As reported at the August 2020 Board meeting, we received notice of a wrongful termination charge on Monday, August 3, 2020. The charge of wrongful termination based on the First Amendment right to free speech was filed by Eric Noble. Last week, the charge was modified and added each Board member. We received the notice for each Trustee on Friday, August 28, 2020. A claim has been filed under the Library's Director's and Officer's insurance policy.

Mr. Hendon moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(3) to meet with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent court action. Ms. Clemons seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Clemons, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia, Mr. Olson and Ms. Redden... 5 ayes. The motion carried. **(33-2020)**.

Ms. Redden moved that the Board exit Executive Session. Mr. Hendon seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Clemons, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. LaMacchia, Mr. Olson and Ms. Redden... 5 ayes. The motion carried. **(34-2020)**.

The Special Meeting was then adjourned.

President

Attest: Secretary