

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
April 8, 2013

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Members present: Bob Harris, Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, John N. Barry,  
Judge Robert Beach, Judge Michael Sheldon, Joy Hostage

Members absent: Eileen DeMayo, Linda Anderson, Ernie DiMattia, Jay  
Johnston, Stefan Pryor

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Mark Smith, Diane Pizzo,  
Nancy Peluso, Tom Newman, LeAnn Power, (State Library),  
A. Constance Sear (CLC), Mary Martin, Charles Casella  
(Town of East Hartford)

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**MINUTES**

It was MOVED (M. Keller) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE  
February 25, 2013, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.  
PASSED unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joy Hostage shared that Kevin Johnson presented his Civil War soldier, William  
Webb program to the Cheshire Women's Club. All the women were very  
impressed with Kevin's talent and are looking forward to seeing Kevin's  
presentation of the new soldier he is researching. In appreciation, the Cheshire  
Women's Club was pleased to donate \$200 to the Connecticut Heritage  
Foundation.

Bob Harris shared that he was pleased to hear Ken on the Faith Middleton radio  
program. He complimented Ken on the valuable points of information he shared.

Bob Harris stated that in conversation with an acquaintance of his, who is a  
member of the Southbury Friends group, he learned that Southbury is cutting  
back their library budget. The reason for the reduction in town funding to the  
library is that the town officials believe the library should use a portion of their  
bequest for ongoing operating expenses.

Ken Wiggin replied that the Friends held a program on this subject. It has  
become clear that a resolution will require revisions to the statutes. The  
Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development is establishing a task  
force to address this matter.

Judge Sheldon stated that there is a non-profit organization that provides legal  
advice and could possibly be of assistance on this matter. He will send  
information about this organization to Ken.

John Barry distributed a document on eBooks to the Board members for their  
review and action later on the agenda.

John requested that Ken send an email to the Board when things such as the  
Faith Middleton show are scheduled.

**MINUTES**

**BOARD  
COMMENTS/  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Ken invited questions to his written report.

The Board was reminded that their financial filings are due on May 1, 2013. There was discussion on the option to seal personal financial information on the filings. Judge Sheldon feels that openness with the requested financial information is important and deters filers from hiding any wrong doing. Judge Sheldon feels that the Board should have consistency in their filings by either having them all sealed or all open. Financial filings for judges are not sealed. .

**OTHER REPORTS**

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Ken reported for Carl DeMilia. Ken invited the Board to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off on May 3 at 10a.m. in Memorial Hall.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Ken stated that ACLPD has not met since the last Board meeting so there is no report at this time.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Executive Director, Jennifer Keohane, was not able to attend the meeting. Connie Sear reported for CLC. Ms. Sear read a prepared written report which highlighted Coordinated Planning, Resource Sharing, and Programs. This written report will be included in the records of the April 8, 2013, State Library Board meeting.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): No representation present for ACLB. No report at this time.

Friends (FOCL): No representation present for FOCL. No report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Update: Ken reported that there is currently a hiring freeze but fortunately the State Library received permission to fill a librarian position. The budget is on track.

Legislative Update: Ken distributed his Legislative Update document listing and explaining bills the State Library is closely following this session. These proposed bills have possible impact on State Library programs and services.

S.B. 235 "CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIAL ACT" is on the Senate Calendar. The task now is to get before the Senate for a vote.

H.B. 6180 "CONCERNING PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS"- Ken is working with Rep. Betty Bokus to try and get this on the bond authorization bill.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

**OTHER REPORTS  
CLA**

ACLPD

CLC

ACLB

Friends

**OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Update

Legislative Update

H.B. 5614 "CONCERNING EBOOKS AND LIBRARIES" – This bill has moved out of Committee and is now on the House Calendar. Ken and Jay Johnston met with the Co-Chairs of the General Law Committee and several attorneys representing publishers that are leery of this bill. The question remains as to why libraries are not able to buy eBooks at the same time and price as consumers.

S.B. 1057 "IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN CONCERNING E-GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESERVATION, AUTHENTICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS". The Government Administration and Elections Committee did not take action on the bill. Ken is working to get this bill moved forward before the end of the session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Extension for the East Hartford Public Library's State Public Library Construction Grant for an Addition and Renovation Project: Mary Martin, Project Administrator for the Raymond Library's addition and renovation project, addressed the Board on this matter. She began by introducing Mr. Charles Cassella, Chair of the Raymond Library Board. Ms. Martin referenced the document attached to the Board's fact sheet which lists the Raymond Library's project benchmarks. The library is requesting a four month grant extension to complete the requirements of their local bidding process. Ken Wiggin informed Ms Martin that all grant extensions are for a one year period. It was immediately MOVED (M. Keller) seconded (B. Harris) THAT ON THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013, THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$1,000,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO APRIL 28, 2014. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of State Grant Program for Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines 2013-2014: Ken reported that each year the *State Grant Program for Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines* are reviewed to determine if any revisions should be recommended to the Board for their approval. This year's recommendations will streamline the construction grant process for both the applicants and the State Library's grant administration. The recommendations would also incorporate revisions to the construction grant statute. The fact sheet on this matter shows where the suggested revisions are being recommended and also specifically what the recommendations are. It was MOVED (M. Keller) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND GUIDELINES 2013-2014. PASSED unanimously.

Bob Harris complimented and thanked the staff responsible for the proposed changes. Ken Wiggin introduced and credited Tom Newman, of his staff, for his very thorough work.

Approval of Appointment to the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Ken stated that Phyllis Asher of Norwalk has been nominated to serve her first two-year term on ACLPD. It was immediately MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT OF PHYLLIS ASHER FOR A TERM BEGINNING APRIL 17, 2013 AND ENDING

**NEW BUSINESS**

Grant Extension  
East Hartford

Motion

*Construction  
Timetable and  
Guidelines 2013-  
2014*

Motion

Appointment to  
ACLPD

Motion

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. PASSED unanimously.

Approval for eBooks in Libraries: John referred to the resolution distributed to the Board at the beginning of the meeting. He thanked Board members Jay Johnston and Ernie DiMattia for their time and contributions in writing this Official Statement. Ken pointed out that the background information is the same and also available on the original fact sheet (SLB DOC13-9) which was prepared for this meeting and included in the Board packets. John welcomed any changes or suggestions to the resolution. Joy asked how we will make sure the resolution gets to everyone’s attention. Ken replied that he will use all avenues available to him such as listservs, press releases and mailings to libraries. Judge Beach stated that he and Judge Sheldon were discussing this resolution and because it is possible that there will be litigation on this matter, they agreed to abstain from voting. Judge Beach suggested that in the 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas, the word “right” should be changed to “ability”. He stated that the word “right” has a specific connotation. It was agreed.

eBooks Official Statement

Mollie stated that resolutions from the State Library Board traditionally read “Therefore, the members of the State Library Board.....”. She feels that this Official Statement should follow suit and be changed from “Therefore, I, John N. Barry, Chairman.....”. It was agreed. After much thoughtful discussion the resolution was changed to read:

“Therefore, the members of the State Library Board support legislation that allows access by all Connecticut citizens to eBooks through Connecticut’s Public Libraries”.

John asked that approval of these changes to the Official Statement and also approval of the Official Statement itself, be voted on by roll call.

Vote

Jane Beaudoin called each Board member for their vote.

Mollie Keller-yes, Bob Harris-yes, Allen Hoffman-yes, Joy Hostage-yes, John Barry-yes, Judge Beach-abstain, Judge Sheldon-abstain. The RESOLUTION WAS PASSED with 2 abstentions.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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Board’s Meeting Calendar

John proposed schedule changes to the State Library Board’s meeting calendar. He is recommending that the May 20, 2013 meeting be moved to June 10, 2013 (location to be determined), and the July 22, 2013, meeting be canceled. The September 23, 2013 meeting will be considered the Annual Meeting of the State Library Board and the election of officers will be handled at that time. It was MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD’S MEETING CALENDAR BE CHANGED AS RECOMMENDED. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

At 2:55 p.m., it was MOVED (M. Keller) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2013, at 1:15 p.m. Location is to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

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Jane Beaudoin, Recorder