

**MINUTES**

of Special Meeting of Board of Directors  
held on Wednesday, December 5, 2017  
5:30 pm at Burroughs-Saden Library  
925 Broad Street

**Present:**

Directors O'Donnell, Errichetti, Baraka, Holden, Greenberg, Brown, Osborne-Gant,  
Greenberg, Cunningham

Interim City Librarian Baldino

President O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm to discuss facilities issues related to Library Construction projects. The Directors discussed the proposed renovations of the current Newfield Branch. The options were to secure the outside of the present property, to relocate the library until the new building is complete or to close the branch. The Directors were committed to continuing service during the construction. President O'Donnell asked, "What in the opinion of the Board is the best location for the best service? A lease for property 1277 Stratford Avenue had been drawn up, but never executed because the property was not vacant at the time specified by the document. Also, the Board of Directors had not been officially notified if the six million in bonding money had been included in the city bonding package. Financial costs were higher for moving to a new site.

Director Baraka made a **MOTION**, which was seconded by Director Osborne-Gant, to proceed with getting estimates for securing the current building and to remain in the present location until the new building is completed. After a lengthy discussion of possible costs, fiduciary responsibility and a safe environment, the Board of Directors held a vote that resulted in a 4 to 4 tie (Director Baraka requested a call of the roll: AYE: Brown, Baraka, Osborne-Gant, Errichetti (initially abstained- then changed to AYE) NAY: Holden, Cunningham, Greenberg, O'Donnell)

The board of Directors asked the chair to contact Reverend Moales and inform him that we consider the lease null and void. Many questions remained about each option. The In a **MOTION** offered by Director Greenberg and seconded by Director Cunningham directors unanimously agreed to adjourn until a time certain (5:30 pm on the following Tuesday December 12).

Respectfully submitted by,  
Anne Cunningham  
Ass't Secretary

