

# BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

925 Broad Street ❖ Bridgeport, CT 06604 ❖ (203) 576-7400

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023  
BEARDSLEY BRANCH

**ATTENDANCE:** James O'Donnell, President; Thomas Errichetti, Treasurer; Kenya Osborne-Gant, Vice-President; Donald Greenberg, Jeanette Munoz-Allam

**OTHERS:** Elaine M. Braithwaite, City Librarian

## WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- \*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**
- \*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- \*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2023 MEETING.**
- \*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2023 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORTS / PAYMENT OF INVOICES/ APPROVAL OF LINE TRANSFERS

- \*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS FOR THE SUM OF \$128,232.65.**
- \*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- \*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE**

Bridgeport Library  
Board of Directors  
Special Meeting  
April 22, 2023

**AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE FULL TIME EARNED PAY TO LIBRARY SUPPLIES.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE FULL TIME EARNED PAY TO OFFICE SUPPLIES.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FROM THE PUBLICATIONS to SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED 23-24 BUDGET**

The details of the budget were discussed at both the budget committee meeting and the April 19, 2023 meeting. The 23-24 budget is based upon the expected 22-23 actual expenditures, adjusted for known or anticipated differences

**\*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE 23-24 BUDGET AS PRESENTED.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **❖ Status/Action re review of Library Hours of Operation**

Ms. Braithwaite had presented a proposed schedule for amending the Library hours to the Board Members. A discussion was held about the days that the library would be open on days following holidays such as New Years, Thanksgiving, and Labor Day. Director Errichetti said that they want to utilize the Library staff to maximize the library availability.

**\*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE STAFF REQUESTED ADJUSTED SCHEDULE BUT NOTED THE USE OF PAST PRACTICE AS A REASON WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR OSBOURNE- GANT SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**❖ Buildings**

**• Status/Action re East Side Branch Phase II project**

Director Errichetti presented an updated façade rendering for the East Side location, recommending the light colored facing with the name of the location centered on the front of the building.

**\*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED FAÇADE AND PLACEMENT OF NAME OF BRANCH.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF RECOGNITION CITATIONS**

**\*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOGNITION CITATIONS FOR BERNADETTE BALDINO, JOHN SOLTIS, SAUDA BARAKA AND ANNE CUNNINGHAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**\*\* DIRECTOR ERRICHETTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE STATUS OF DIRECTOR EMERITUS FOR SAUDA BARAKA AND ANNE CUNNINGHAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT AS BOARD MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

**\*\* DIRECTOR GREENBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Board then moved to accept the proclamations for Emeritus Directors Baraka and

Cunningham and the proclamation for retired Assistant City Librarian John Soltis. The proclamations are separately attached to these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director O'Donnell adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Errichetti