

Gloucester County Library Commission
at the Gloucester County Library System/Mullica Hill Branch
389 Wolfert Station Road
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Reorganization and Regular Meeting

January 24, 2024

Present: Mario DiLiscandro, Donna Ragonese, Dave Flaherty, Andrea Reahm, Darlene Vondran, Carolyn Oldt (Director), Judith Pissano (Assistant Director) John Alice (Solicitor),

Meeting opened 5:00 pm

The Solicitor performed the swearing in for Commissioner Mario DiLiscandro (reappointment)

Reorganization Meeting

The Solicitor opened the meeting by reading the open meeting statement, which notes that the meeting has been properly advertised and posted in compliance with the open public meetings act and a quorum was noted.

Pledge of Allegiance

Nomination and Elections

The Solicitor presided over the election of Chairperson for 2024.

R.01-2024 Resolution Authorizing Appointment of a Chairperson for the GCLC for the year 2024.

Motion and second by Ms. Ragonese and Ms. Vondran to nominate Mario DiLiscandro as Chairperson of the Gloucester County Library Commission for the year 2024. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty – yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLiscandro – yea.

Mr. DiLiscandro presided over the remainder of the reorganization meeting.

R.02-2024 Resolution Authorizing Appointment of a Vice-Chairperson for the GCLC for the year 2024. Motion and second by Mr. DiLiscandro and Ms. Reahm to nominate Donna Ragonese as Vice Chairperson of the Gloucester County Library Commission for the year 2024. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty – yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLiscandro – yea.

Motion and Second by Ms. Reahm and Ms. to approve Consent Agenda Agreement on Resolutions #3 through #18. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty - yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLiscandro – yea.

Resolutions:

R.03-2024 Resolution Appointment Library Director as a Non-Voting Secretary for the Year 2024.

R.04-2024 Resolution Authorizing Contract and Appointing a Solicitor for the GCLC for the year 2024.

R.05-2024 Resolution Appointing the Firm of Brown and Connery as Labor and Employment Counsel for the GCLC for the year 2024.

R.06-2024 Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Bowman & Company, LLP as auditor for the GCLC for the year 2024.

R.07-2024 Resolution Setting Forth the County Treasurer as Custodian of Library Funds of the GCLC for the year 2024.

R.08-2024 Resolution Establishing Depository Account for the year 2024.

R.09-2024 Resolution Regarding Investment of Funds for the year 2024.

R.10-2024 Resolution Designating the Official Newspaper of the GCLC for the year 2024.

R.11-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting for the Purchase of Goods and Services for the Year 2024.

R.12-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Utilization of State of New Jersey Contract Vendors for the Purchase of Goods and Supplies.

R.13-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Computers and Equipment by the GCLS.

R.14-2024 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Payments to Vendors Without the Certification Being Signed by the GCLS.

R.15-2024 Resolution Appointing the Director of GCLS as Representative for Union Negotiations.

R.16-2024 Agreement Approving Anne M. Wodnick as Consultant to the GCLS for the calendar 2024.

R.17-2024 Resolution Approving a budget for the year 2024 in the amount of \$6,010,690.

R.18-2024 Resolution authorizing transfer within the 2024 operating budget (Glassboro).

Motion and second by Ms. Reahm and Ms. Ragonese to approve resolutions R.03-2024 through R.18-2024. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty – yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLisciandro – yea.

The Reorganization Meeting was adjourned and Mr. DiLisciandro called the regular meeting of the Gloucester County Library Commission to order.

Regular Meeting

Motion and second by Ms. Reahm and Ms. Vondran to approve the December 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty – yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLiscandro – yea.

The Chair noted that there was no public present.

Motion and second by Ms. Reahm and Mr. Flaherty to approve payment of the January 2024 bills. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty – yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLiscandro – yea.

Commissioners' Reports – Mr. Flaherty noted that the Borough is working on getting the roof fixed at the Margaret Dombrosky Swedesboro Public Library.

Correspondence – None.

Director's Report – Mrs. Oldt informed the commissioners that the move into the new Glassboro Library location is planned for next week.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Alice thanked the commissioners for reappointing him as the Solicitor for the GCLS and returned the signed resolutions as follows:

R-01-2024 through R-18-2024 as listed above.

R.19-2024 Resolution Authorizing Execution of First Amendment to Sub-Lease Agreement Between the Gloucester County Library System and the Borough of Glassboro to Operate a Glassboro Branch Library of the Gloucester County Library System in the Borough of Glassboro.

R.20-2024 Resolution Authorizing and Approving a change in Status in Regard to Employees of the Gloucester County Library System.

Freeholder Liaison's Report – None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business –

R.19-2024 Resolution Approving the Glassboro Sub-Lease Agreement.

Motion and second by Ms. Reahm and Ms. Ragonese to approve Resolution R.19-2024 authorizing the first Amendment to the Glassboro Sub-Lease Agreement. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty – yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLiscandro – yea.

Motion and second by Ms. Vondran and Mr. Flaherty to close the open session for

discussion of Personnel Items and Contract Negotiations.

Motion and second by Ms. Ragonese and Ms. Reahm to open the closed session.

Personnel

Motion and second by Ms. Ragonese and Ms. Reahm to approve Resolution R.20-2024 Item #1 the retirement of C. Alexander effective April 1, 2024. Item #2 the promotion of C. Miller to full-time Librarian 1 effective January 1, 2024 and Item #3 FMLA leave of absence for B. Whitfield from March 1, 2024 to September 1, 2024 and status change from full-time to part-time effective September 1, 2024. Roll Call vote was taken: Dave Flaherty – yea, Donna Ragonese – yea, Andrea Reahm – yea, Darlene Vondran – yea, Mario DiLiscandro – yea.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the
 GCLS Mullica Hill Branch