

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M.**

A special meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees with an Executive Session was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021, via Zoom [Agenda attached]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Weihua Yan – President
Liman Mimi Hu – Vice President
Barry Smith – Secretary
Chelsea Sassouni – Treasurer
Scott Sontag – Assistant Treasurer
Kathleen Gold – Assistant Treasurer
Josephine Mairzadeh – Trustee

Also Present: George Trepp – Interim Director

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Yan at 6:04 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Trustee Sassouni, seconded by Trustee Gold and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session for a discussion on the Lakeville Lease, Personnel and Director Search Matters.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (Yan, Hu, Smith, Sassouni, Sontag, Gold, Mairzadeh)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon motion by Trustee Sassouni, seconded by Trustee Smith and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees exit Executive Session.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (Yan, Hu, Smith, Sassouni, Sontag, Gold, Mairzadeh)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No action was taken in executive session.

The board reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

President Yan announced that this is a special meeting of the board of trustees for the purpose of discussing and approving the job posting for a director. The library has been without a formal director for approximately three years, with two unsuccessful searches. Mr. Yan said that after board discussion, it is proposed to have the job posted in various publications. The posting will be open through July 30. Interviews will commence thereafter. Mr. Yan stated that the Director Search Committee will be comprised of all seven trustees and two staff members, nominated by the Interim Director. Once the process begins, information will be shared with the public for their feedback prior to the final selection.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Approve Job Posting for Director Search

Upon motion by Trustee Hu, seconded by Trustee Gold and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees approve the Director Search posting, copy attached, as amended.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (Yan, Hu, Smith, Sassouni, Sontag, Gold, Mairzadeh)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Interim Director George Trepp listed the organizations where the job will be posted. They are: ALA JobLIST; Library Journal and Library Journal Hotline; NYLA, NJLA, CLC and CLA Job Lines; NYLINE; C.W. Post, Queens, Rutgers and St. John's library schools; Metro NY Library Council Job Line; LILRC Job line; Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations List Serve; Asian/Pacific Americans Librarians Association Caucus; Black Librarians Caucus of the ALA and; Latino Caucus of the ALA.

Public Comments: M. DiCamillo – What is the cost for posting in these publications? Interim Director Trepp responded that the costs will be minimal. Trustee Sassouni added that the current budget includes a line item for personnel search.

M. Wohlgemuth – Will the Interim Director be included in the search and attend interviews? President Yan responded that although this has not been discussed, when Mr. Trepp was hired one of his priorities was to assist the library in its search for the next director. Whether or not he will participate in the interview process is to be decided.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

June 22, 2021- Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm on a motion by Trustee Hu and seconded by Trustee Sassouni.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Barry Smith
Secretary, Board of Trustees