

Chicago Heights Public Library

Regular Board Minutes

May 26, 2020 Via Zoom

Due to Covid-19, the Governor of the state of Illinois has determined that public bodies may meet via electronic format during the pandemic, to allow for conduct the business of the public body. All other Open Meetings Act rules apply during that time.

Roll Call: Meeting Called to order at 6:04 pm

Members Present: Aldana, Baikauskas, Bennett (@ 6:20pm), Cifelli, Gomez, Paicely, Propst

Members absent: Perez, Sanders

Also Present: Mayor David Gonzalez, Attorney Trotter, Attorney Ciesil. There were also 2 members of the public present on the Zoom call.

Public Comments:

There were none.

Approval of Minutes

This item was tabled due to the Board not having any minutes from the March 24, 2020 or April 28, 2020 Board Meeting to approve.

Financial Reports:

It was again requested by the trustees for the library to do a forensic audit of the financials. The Trustees were not presented with any quotes from accountants from the library director as directed at the April board meeting.

There were questions about specific invoices, it was decided to approve the A/P list pending the request for several invoices. The Board decided to hold the checks of certain vendors until their invoices were provided for review. Trustee Baikauskas made a motion to approve the financials and A/P list (pending the review of certain vendors) as presented. Trustee Cifelli seconded the motion. After a roll call, where all trustees voted in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished business:

Board By-Laws – the board did receive the current by-laws as well as the new proposed by-laws in the packets late Sunday night (May 24). When asked, the attorney said that she had not had time to look them over. This item was then tabled until the review of these by-laws by the attorney.

Committee Appointments: Until the by-laws are approved by the Trustees, this motion was tabled to ensure that the Trustees understood the role of each committee.

New Business:

With no way of knowing the Library's re-opening plan or being able to ask the Director any specific questions, Trustee Baikauskas made a motion to close the Library until Labor Day. Trustee Propst seconded the motion. Upon a roll call, where all trustees voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Trustee Information and General Announcements:

There were no new items for discussion

Executive Session:

Trustee Cifelli made a motion to enter Executive Session due to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Trustee Aldana seconded the motion. Upon a voice call, the Trustees entered Executive Session at 6:23 pm.

Trustee Gomez made a motion to re-enter Open Session. Trustee Sanders seconded the motion. Upon a voice call, the Trustees re-entered Open Session at 6:42 pm.

Action following Executive Session:

Trustee Cifelli made a motion to hire Kathy Parker as the Interim Library Director for Chicago Heights starting June 1, 2020, during the absence of the current Director. Also included in the motion was empowering the Board President to work with Ms. Parker on looking at the current personnel of the Library. Trustee Baikauskas seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, where all trustees voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Trustee Gomez made a motion to adjourn the Chicago Heights Public Library Board Meeting. Trustee Baikauskas seconded the motion. The regular meeting of the Chicago Heights Public Library Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:10pm

Approved by Board of Trustees: June 23, 2020

Attest: _____