

WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
Monday, February 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eileen Daly called the Library Board to order at 6:36 p.m. Present, via Town of West Hartford WebEx were Board members Eileen Daly, Gail Crockett, EJ Greenspan, and Dr. Natalia Menjivar, Library Director Laura Irmscher, and Janet Valencis, recorder. Member Kim Cohen was absent. Jill Spear was present from the public.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

3. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Items 4 & 8a i, 8a ii,)

MOTION: On a motion made by Gail Crockett and seconded by Dr. Natalia Menjivar, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

4. THE MEETING MINUTES of January 23, 2023, were approved as part of the consent agenda.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Welcome to the new board member EJ Greenspan.
- b. Farewell to Jill Spear as she leaves the board. She made a large contribution to the Library Board with her time, her knowledge, and her enthusiasm. She will be missed.
- c. Election of Officers

Chair – Eileen Daly

Vice Chair – Gail Crockett

Secretary – Kim Cohen

MOTION: On a motion made by Gail Crockett and seconded by Dr. Natalia Menjivar, the Board unanimously approved the slate of officers as presented.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FY24 Budget Update – Laura Irmscher

The budget has been presented to the Finance Director and Town Manager. It includes the funding for the Librarian II position, as well as the Fines Free proposal. Laura will present the budget to the Human & Community Services Committee on March 13, 2023.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Library E-Book Bill

A new bill is in State Legislature committee to improve the licensing terms of libraries for E-Books.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. January Report, submitted:

- i. Library Administrative Report
- ii. Budget Report
- iii. Circulation Statistics (issued quarterly)

b. Current Month Briefing.

- i. Work on the Spring Storytelling event has begun
- ii. West Hartford Reads will be held in the fall.
- iii. The Ballet will present Cinderella at the town hall. This event is funded by the Kilfoil Bequest at the West Hartford Library Foundation.
- iv. A seven-week series "Girls Who Code" will be held soon. Teen volunteers will assist with the program.

9. Executive Session

MOTION: On a motion made by Gail Crockett and seconded by Dr. Natalia Menjivar, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:02 pm.

Board members Eileen Daly, Gail Crockett, EJ Greenspan and Dr. Natalia Menjivar attended the executive session, as well as Jill Spear and Library Director Laura Irmscher.

10. Executive Session ended at 7:53 pm and the board returned to the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: The Library Board Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:54 pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is March 27, 2023 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Daly, Secretary Pro Tem
West Hartford Library Board

"This meeting was held remotely and the public had the ability to view the meeting in real-time live on West Hartford Community Television at www.whctv.org and www.youtube.com/whctv5."