

**WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eileen Daly called the Library Board to order at 6:40 p.m. Present, via Town of West Hartford Microsoft Teams were Board members Kim Cohen, Eileen Daly, Gail Crockett, Dr. Natalia Menjivar and E.J. Greenspan, Library Director Laura Irmscher, Janet Valencis, and Heidi Reagan recorder.

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 E.J. Greenspan, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

4. THE MEETING MINUTES of February were approved as part of the consent agenda.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Welcome to Heidi Reagan, who will be replacing Janet Valencis as the Library's Office Operations Specialist. Thanks to Janet Valencis for all her efforts over the years, on behalf of the Board.
- b. Laura Irmscher referenced the Director's goals and noted that updates will be available as things progress. The Board offered help whenever needed.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FY24 Budget Update – Laura Irmscher

The FY24 Budget was present to the Human and Community Services Committee. The budget is expected to remain level in the upcoming year, with the exception of Human Resources expenditures. Laura expects that the Librarian II position will be funded.

- b. Library E-Book Bill – Laura Irmscher

Two new bills have been introduced to improve the licensing terms of libraries for E-Books. HB 6800 is with the Planning and Development Committee, while the second bill is still stalled. Laura encouraged the Board to talk about the situation with local representatives.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There is no new business at this time.

## 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### a. Current Month Briefing.

- i. The Library's Circulation Policies are being reviewed currently. Proposed changes will be available at the May meeting.
- ii. It is National Library Week. Tuesday, April 25 is National Library Worker Day.
- iii. WHPL is sponsoring the Gertrude Blanks Storytelling Program, to be held at First Church on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.
- iv. The Grant for Faxon Fun was approved and received for \$5000.
- v. The Noah Webster Library building is currently receiving some much-needed upgrades
- vi. The Seed Library was a huge success thanks to a robust publicity campaign.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: The Library Board Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is May 22, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

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 and [www.youtube.com/whctv5](http://www.youtube.com/whctv5).