

**SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

Present were: Susan Bateman, Mary Caruso, Evelyn Silverstein (by telephone), Anita Ventantonio, Robert Waldstein, and Art Carson, chair. Staff present were: Brian Auger (Library Director), Keith McCoy (Assistant Library Director), Deanna Gray (Human Resources Manager), Brian Morgan (Business Manager). Also present was Freeholder Patrick Scaglione, who arrived at 8:15.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Art Carlson at 7:00 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW**

The previously-scheduled and advertised meeting to have been held on February 2 was cancelled due to inclement weather and was rescheduled for this time. This meeting was announced in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law. Adequate notice of this rescheduled meeting was made by notifying *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger*.

The meeting opened with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2011 REORGANIZATION MEETING**

On motion of Mary Caruso, seconded by Anita Ventantonio, the minutes of the January 5, 2011 Reorganization Meeting were approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2011 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

On motion of Anita Ventantonio, seconded by Robert Waldstein, the minutes of the January 5, 2011 regular meeting were approved, with an amendment to change the start time to reflect the actual start time.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS LIST FOR FEBRUARY, 2011**

A motion was made by Anita Ventantonio, and seconded by Robert Waldstein to approve the claims list in the amount of \$816,008.03.

**REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 2011.**

Acceptance of the financial report was moved by Mary Caruso and seconded by Anita Ventantonio.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Brian Auger provided updates: new Commissioner is Al Ellis, need to swear in Commissioners, the Somerville Library Rededication program, staff meetings, and the schools and databases project.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Sue Bateman will serve on the staff committee to review Internet policies regarding pornography. Keith McCoy will convene the committee and will serve ex officio.
- Retiree benefits policy. The policy was reviewed; discussion was tabled until the March meeting at which time Douglas Zucker will be available to answer questions.
- Keith McCoy updated the Commission on the progress of the SCLS Library Foundation.
- The health benefits subcommittee will convene a meeting with James Varaklis to begin discussing plans for FY12 health coverage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- On a motion of Robert Waldstein and seconded by Anita Ventantonio, the Commission approved a new mileage table, to replace the current table in the policy manual. The new mileage table reflects the addition of Somerville to the system.
- On a motion of Evelyn Silverstein and seconded by Mary Caruso, the Commission approved recommended changes to the registration policy to better align the policy with the changed needs presented by Somerville.
- Brian Auger reviewed the proposed FY11 budget with the Commission. The Commission, joined by Freeholder Scaglione, discussed the proposed budget.
- Freeholder Scaglione reviewed budget considerations from the Freeholders including the drop in equalized valuations.
- The proposal to raise adult fines was postponed to April.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Anita Ventantonio and seconded by Sue Bateman the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.