

**Minutes
of the Board of Directors Special Meeting
February 28, 2023
Noon**

Present: David Barrett, *chair*, Rick Costello, *treasurer*, Arunan Arulampalam, Melvyn Colon, Andrew Diaz-Matos, Carlos Galdamez, Floyd Green, Steve Harris, Susan Hopgood, Daniel P. O’Shea, Mark Overmyer-Velazquez, Phyllis Shikora, Karen Taylor, and Tyrone Walker.

Also Present: Bridget E. Quinn, president and CEO and Mary Tzambazakis, CAO

1. Call to Order

Chair David Barrett called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

Board Action: Motion was made to approve the consent agenda that included minutes of the February 2, 2023, Board of Directors meeting; minutes of the February 6, 2023, Barbour Task Force Committee meeting, and minutes of the February 15, 2023, Barbour Task Force Committee meeting. The motion was moved by Suzanne Hopgood and seconded by Carlos Galdamez. The motion carried.

3. Chair’s Report

Mr. Barrett mentioned that because of this special meeting and will be scheduling a retreat sometime in the Spring, he requested that the Board cancel the April Board of Directors meeting. The Board agreed by common consent.

4. President and CEO’s Report

Ms. Quinn gave an update on the Downtown Library. Still working on the clean up efforts. Demolition and removal of impacted materials/furniture still continues. There has been lots of progress. Still waiting for the Artwork to be removed from the walls. HPL has engaged TSKP and Margaret Sullivan Studios (MSS) to help with the designs. TSKP will be focused on the reconstruction and back staff area. Margaret Sullivan Studios will be working on the public facing areas, ArtWalk, HHC, second floor and first floor. Insurance claims are progressing. Environmental testing are being done regularly. The two things not available yet is a good schedule and budget. The relocation of services is going as well as it can be. Ropkins will open next week. Barbour is still down, but the landlord has found a heating unit and is pending installation.

Board Action: Motion was made to go into executive session at 12:23 p.m. The motion was moved by Steve Harris and seconded by Suzanne Hopgood. The motion carried. Executive session concluded at 1:01 p.m.

5. New Business

Board Action: Motion was made to authorize the President and CEO to execute the proposed 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the Evelyn Ball Professional and Non-Professional Unit, Local 1716 pending the union's ratification of the tentative agreement as presented to the Board. The motion was moved by Suzanne Hopgood and seconded by Arunan Arulampalam. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Action: Motion was made to authorize the President and CEO to re-evaluate alternative options for a Barbour Library location. The motion was moved by Suzanne Hopgood and seconded by Steve Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Action: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 p.m. The motion was moved by Steve Harris and seconded by Suzanne Hopgood. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget E. Quinn
President and CEO