Minutes
of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2026
Noon

Present: Karen Taylor, *Chair*; Rick Costello; Andrew Diaz-Matos; Carlos Galdamez; Bradley Harper; Sara Lashetski; Patsy Mundy; Dan O'Shea; Phyllis Shikora; Tim Sullivan, Jr.; Tyrone Walker, and Robin Zaleski.

Also Present: Bridget E. Quinn, President and CEO; Gwen Cannon, Human Resources Director; Leticia Cotto, Chief Administrative Officer; Gina Federico, Director of Development; Marie Jarry, Chief Operating Officer; Brenda Miller, Executive Director, Culture and Communications; Homa Naficy, Executive Director, The American Place; and Andrea Figueroa, Senior Executive Assistant.

1. Call to Order

Chair Karen Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

Board action: Motion was made to approve the consent agenda that included minutes of the February 5, 2026 Board of Directors meeting; minutes of the February 18, 2026 Finance Committee meeting, minutes of the February 25, 2026 Development and RRR Capital Campaign Committee meeting, and minutes of the March 26, 2026 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was moved by Tim Sullivan, Jr. and was seconded by Rick Costello. The motion carried.

3. Board Chair's Report

Ms. Karen Taylor thanked all Board members for their flexibility in the change of date for the Board of Director's meeting. She thanked Tyrone for coordinating a meeting with the superintendent of Hartford Public Schools and Board Chair Shontá Browdy to talk about Boundless Program. The budget presentation with City Council went well. Bridget and team were phenomenal.

Ms. Taylor surprised and congratulated Ms. Bridget Quinn on her 10-year anniversary with a tribute video Celebrating a Decade of Impact presented by Gwen Cannon and Brenda Miller and narrated by Karen Taylor.

4. Mission Moment

Ms. Quinn introduced Gina Federico who gave a mission moment on an overview of the RRR Campaign as well as the festive and celebratory events for the week of the Downtown Library reopening the week of June 1.

5. President and CEO's Report

Ms. Bridget Quinn gave a brief report. Focus has been on the reopening but also finishing up the RRR campaign. There are plans to schedule a time for Board and Ambassadors to do a walkthrough before June 1st.

Focusing now on the Barbour Library project. Barbour's groundbreaking is scheduled for May 20. Working with the City on procurement and getting out the bid packages.

Also regrouping on the Albany Library project. The plans are now several years old as well as the community engagement. Working with community partners on re-engaging the community and to have an opportunity to review and validate those plans.

It has been a great partnership with the new café vendor Futures Inc. The food is good, people are in there in the mornings and Homa is in conversations with them about coordination between workforce support and training opportunities.

6. Committees and Task Force Reports

Governance

Ms. Taylor reported that conversations have been had with Cigna regarding adding one of their executives to HPL's Board. Mr. Madhu Nutakki's candidacy will be moved forward to commence Board service officially in October. In the interim, he will be invited to participate in the Finance and Strategic Planning Committees.

Board action: A motion was made to move the recommendation of Madhu Nutakki to the Board. The motion was moved by Rick Costello and seconded by Dan O'Shea. The motion carried.

7. New Business

CIF Funding Resolution

The Library was awarded $5 million for the Barbour Street Library Project. The resolution passed by the Board is needed in order for HPL to accept the funds and start making applications for payment.

"**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 32-285A of the Connecticut General Statues, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and **WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Hartford Public Library make an application to the State for $5,000,000 in order to undertake the Barbour Library, 234 Barbour Street and to execute an Assistance Agreement. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Hartford Public Library,

1. That is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Section 32-285a of the Connecticut State Statutes.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by Hartford Public Library in an amount not to exceed $5,000.000 is hereby approved and

that Karen T. Taylor, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hartford Public Library is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of Hartford Public Library."

Board action: A motion was made for the Community Investment Funding Resolution Authorization. The motion was moved by Rick Costello and seconded by Phyllis Shikora. The motion carried.

Bank of America: Account Authorization Resolution

This authorizes the Nutmeg Foundation to transfer assets to the Hartford Public Library. This resolution authorizes Mary Tzambazakis, Bridget Quinn, and Karl Fisher as authorized signatories.

"**WHEREAS**, Hartford Public Library is a non-profit, 501c3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code,

WHEREAS, Hartford Public Library entered into an agreement with the Nutmeg Foundation to transfer funding to Hartford Public Library,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hartford Public Library Board of Directors hereby authorizes the following individuals to establish a custody account, managed by the firm Bradley, Foster, and Sargent, with Bank of America for the Nutmeg Funds and to become authorized signers on this account:

Name	Title
Mary Tzambazakis	Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel
Bridget E. Quinn	President and Chief Executive Officer
Karl Fisher	Director of Finance

This resolution applies to all physical checks, wires, electronic funds transfers, and ACH payments."

Board action: A motion was made for the Bank of America Account Authorization Resolution. The motion was moved by Dan O'Shea and seconded by Tim Sullivan, Jr. The motion carried.

8. Other Business

No other business to report.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget E. Quinn
President and CEO