

**The Nyack Library  
Minutes of the  
Nyack Library Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting via Telephone Conference  
Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**Present:**

E. Michael Growney, **President**  
Ellyse Okin Berg, **Vice President**  
Brian Murrell, **Treasurer**  
Peter Danish  
Tamara Jhashi  
Roger Seiler  
Bebb Wheeler Stone  
Cora Sarjeant Wilder  
Valerie Williams-Sanchez

**Absent:**

Michael Penn  
Debra Karten, **Secretary**

**\*=Excused**

**Staff:** Angela Strong, Library Director  
Sharon Alfano, Business Manager

**Members of the Public:** Morgan Strand  
Aldona Pilmanis  
Sharon Aperto

***Call to Order:***

The Board President Mr. Growney called the Special Meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

***Agenda Approval:***

**Upon motion** by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Ms. Wilder, it was resolved to approve the proposed agenda. The yes votes were unanimous, 9-0.

***Motion to enact temporary Bylaws changes during Covid-19 emergency:***

An amendment to the By-laws of the Nyack Library – Article 6 Meetings to accommodate social distancing while carrying out essential library business was discussed.

**Motion: Be it resolved that in order to best respond to the COVID-19 emergency in a timely, efficient, and effective manner, the Bylaws of the Nyack Library are hereby temporarily changed until further notice as determined by the Board of Trustees, to allow meetings and voting by the Nyack Library Board via telephone, computer, and the delivery of documents via email.**

**Upon motion** by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Dr. Stone, it was resolved to approve the Amendment to the By-laws of the Nyack Library – Article 6 Meetings with agreed updates. The yes votes were unanimous, 9-0.

***Report on current actions taken:***

Mrs. Strong reported that after the library had closed Saturday and Sunday March 14 and 15, community developments in the Covid-19 emergency suggested that closure of the Nyack Library through March 31 was advised. At this point in time the plan is that during the first week of the Library closure the Library will be deep

cleaned, with only essential staff (Angela Strong, Sharon Alfano, and Jeffrey Flournoy) reporting. The second week limited staff without public on site as advised by public health authorities. Further closure or reopening will be evaluated before March 31. Public access through phone calls and email coverage will be undertaken to the extent possible.

Staff will continue to receive salaries and benefits as usual.

**Motion: To approve the proposal put forth by Angela Strong, Director. Staffing in or out of the building shall be made at the discretion of the Director.**

**Upon motion** by Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Danish, the report on current actions and the proposal put forth by Mrs. Strong was accepted. The yes votes were unanimous, 9-0.

***Nyack Library Pandemic Policy:***

Mrs. Strong reviewed the proposed Pandemic Policy with the Board. After discussion, modifications to punctuation, a word change, and the bullet point under Staff Availability - reallocation of employee responsibilities and shift/schedule changes was amended to include “with timely and appropriate communication in keeping with the Nyack Library Staff Association agreement.”

**Upon motion** by Mr. Seiler, seconded by Dr. Jhashi, the Nyack Library Pandemic Policy as amended was unanimously accepted. The yes vote 9-0.

***Special Meeting Scheduled:***

A teleconference meeting Sunday, March 22, 2022 at 3 p.m. was scheduled to revisit the evolving situation and make plans going forward.

***Adjournment:***

**Upon motion** by Mr. Danish, seconded by Mr. Seiler, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. The yes vote was unanimous, 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Alfano  
Business Manager