

## WEST NEW YORK LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - March 01, 2022

*Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West New York Public Library held via ZOOM at 6:00 pm.*

Vice President Adriana Rodriguez called the meeting to order in the absence of President Brito Herrera, followed by reading the Open Public Meeting Notice and roll call.

Roll call was as follows:

**PRESENT:** Wei Lai, Director; Richard Pinal, attorney; Adriana Rodriguez, Amirza Hernandez, Katiana Hernandez, Lidice Solares, Marielka Diaz, Nasrin Alam

**ABSENT:** Luis Baez; Clara Herrera, Barbara Viu

### OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to approve previous meeting (February) minutes. However, after Trustee Katiana Hernandez advised the board that the February minutes do not reflect her attendance, which happened because Trustee Katiana Hernandez was on her telephone and her name did not display on the screen. Attorney Pinal instructed the board that the February minutes can be approved with the note that the attendance will change.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with the change. Katiana Hernandez motioned, and Marielka Diaz seconded. All in favor.

Adriana Rodriguez asked for an update on the tutoring program. Director Wei Lai advised the board:

1. Four (4) students from the Tomorrow's Teachers program were added as tutors.
2. A couple more students from Tomorrow's Teachers were sent to the library but waiting on Town Hall to add them for payroll. However, he is not adding any more at this time, but he would use them as alternates if there is a scheduling conflict with the four (4) tutors that have a scheduling conflict.

Marielka Diaz asked why some tutors were working at Town Hall. The director explained that if the client does not come, they are called to the Commissioner's office to do their hour there.

Adriana Rodriguez asked for an update on the tutoring program, stating the urgency of a reference librarian; Director Wei Lai advised the board that there have been no updates since the town posting.

Amirza Hernandez asked for an update on the public notice resolution. Attorney Pinal advised he is working with the town.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Director Lai informed the board that a request for records of past meeting minutes was satisfied.

Adriana Rodriguez asked about the mask mandate:

1. What will happen in the library after 3/7/2022?
2. What will happen with board meetings after the mandate is lifted.

Marielka Diaz is concerned about the proximity of the tutors to the clients when the mandate lifts. Director Lai stated that the library would abide by all state and local regulations, with Attorney Pinal

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confirming. With that said, Adriana Rodriguez asked the board to consider coming back to in-person meetings. Amirza asked if this would apply to the August meeting. Adriana Rodriguez confirmed and called for a motion to meet in person starting in April, as appropriate and in compliance with all state and town regulations. Lidice Solares motioned, with Marielka Diaz seconding. The roll call was as follows:

In favor: Adriana Rodriguez, Amirza Hernandez, Katiana Hernandez, Lidice Solares, Marielka Diaz

Abstain: Nasrin Alam

*PUBLIC SESSION: No public comments*

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marielka Diaz and seconded by Amirza Hernandez

Adriana Rodriguez adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amirza Hernandez