

**MINUTES**  
**STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**April 17, 2020**

The State Library Board met via Zoom virtual meeting on April 17, 2020.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The business meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Julia Ward, Executive Secretary to the State Librarian's Office, called the roll. State Library Board members present were: Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp, President; Mr. Michael Merz, Vice-President; Dr. Tracy Najera; Mr. Alan Hall; Ms. Janet Carleton; and Mr. William Morris, Acting Secretary.

Visitors present were: Maggie O'Shea, Ohio Attorney General's Office; Karen Miller, Bradbury Miller Associates; Jay Smith, Ohio Library Council; and Jobeth Bradbury, Bradbury Miller Associates.

State Library staff members present were: Julia Ward, Misty Wycarver, Valeria Weaver, Evan Struble, Shannon Kupfer-Trausch, and Brenda Michel.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Merz moved (M-8-20) that the minutes of the April 2, 2020 Board meeting be approved.

Dr. Najera seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with Ms. Arp, Mr. Merz, Dr. Najera, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Carleton voting "aye."

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no Public Participation.

Mr. Merz asked that the following statement be entered into the minutes:

*This is a special meeting of the Board of the State Library of Ohio. It was called by President Laurie Gemmill Arp more than forty-eight hours prior to its convening by notice given to all members of the Board. All members acknowledge receipt of the required notice.*

*Notice of this meeting was given to the public on Friday, April 10, 2020, by posting on the Library's website at library.ohio.gov. The notice provided the public with the following internet address of the meeting, meeting identification, and password:*

*<https://zoom.us/j/463940958?pwd=cGpsejUzVzZGSTNxbExHWVJIYUliZz09>*

*Meeting ID: 463-940-958*

*Password: SLO*

*The meeting is being held electronically pursuant to authority granted by the General Assembly in Amended Substitute H.B. 197 in that it is occurring during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020. By choosing to conduct the meeting over the internet by Zoom technology, the Board believes it has ensured that the public can observe and hear the discussions and deliberations of all the members of the public body, whether the member is participating in person or electronically.*

*This meeting does not include a “public hearing” as that term is used in Ohio Revised Code Ch. 119*

### **STATE LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Mr. Morris gave an update on the CARES Act as it pertains to libraries. As part of the CARES Act stimulus legislation, the Institute of Museum and Library Services has announced its plan to disburse \$30 million of the \$50 million it received to the various state library agencies across the United States and its territories. Ohio's portion of the \$30 million will be \$1,056,209, which was determined based on population. The State Library of Ohio has not yet received those funds. Plans are underway for how best to disburse the funds to all eligible entities (libraries, museums) within both state and federal parameters.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Merz moved (M-9-20) that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss the process and candidates to succeed Beverly Cain, retired State Librarian, at 8:51 a.m.

Dr. Najera seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with Ms. Arp, Mr. Merz, Dr. Najera, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Carleton voting "aye."

Mr. Merz moved (M-10-20) that the Board move out of Executive Session at 2:48 p.m.

Dr. Najera seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with Ms. Arp, Mr. Merz, Dr. Najera, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Carleton voting "aye."

Mr. Merz moved (M-11-20) that the Board authorize Bradbury Miller Associates to make an offer of the position of State Librarian to a candidate chosen by the Board, contingent upon approval by the Office of the Governor, including background checks required of all State of Ohio employees.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with Ms. Arp, Mr. Merz, Dr. Najera, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Carleton voting "aye."

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion, Mr. Hall moved (M-12-20) that the Board stand adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Mr. Merz seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with Ms. Arp, Mr. Merz, Dr. Najera, Mr. Hall, and Ms. Carleton voting "aye."

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President

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Secretary

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