

Meeting Minutes: Special Board Meeting: December 17, 2020

Call to Order: At 9:01 pm, President Hill called the Special meeting of the River Forest Public Library Board of Trustees to order. The roll was taken.

- Trustees Present: Hill, Bevan, Smedinghoff, Hopkinson, Long, Calabrese-Berry and Stierwalt
- Also Present: Joanna Bertucci, Interim Co-Director
- Visitors and Guests:
 - Ms. Emily Compton-Dzak
 - Mr. Jeffrey Liss

President Hill made the following announcement at the start of the December 17, 2020 special meeting. Governor Pritzker signed Bill 2135, which specifies requirements for meetings of public bodies while Illinois is under a state of emergency and disaster declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill states that if an in person meeting is not practical or prudent, members of the public body can call into a meeting as long as one Trustee or the Chief Executive Officer is present at the public body's physical location. All votes must be roll call votes and the meeting must be recorded.

In order to comply with this law, Interim Co-Director Joanna Bertucci is present at the River Forest Public Library building (735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest, Illinois) and the meeting is being recorded via Zoom.

Public Comments:

- None submitted in advance of the meeting.

Visitors and Guests:

- Ms. Compton-Dzak expressed her enthusiasm for being named the next Director of the River Forest Public Library and is excited to serve the River Forest Community.
- Mr. Jeffrey Less, a Winnetka resident, offered his congratulations to Ms. Compton-Dzak. He shared his happiness for her new position, but sadness that she will no longer be working at the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library.

Approval of hiring of Emily Compton-Dzak as RFPL Director

President Hill announced the following details regarding Ms. Compton-Dzak's compensation package.

- Ms. Compton-Dzak will be paid at an annual rate of \$90,000 per year. In addition, Ms. Compton-Dzak is eligible for individual health insurance, dental insurance, and participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) on her first day of employment. Last, Ms. Compton-Dzak is eligible for 1 personal day, 12 sick days, and 20 vacation days per year.

President Hill asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Compton-Dzak as the River Forest Public Library Director. Trustee Bevan moved to approve, Trustee Smedinghoff seconded and a roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Trustees Present: Hill, Bevan, Smedinghoff, Hopkinson, Long, Calabrese-Berry and Stierwalt

Trustees Stierwalt, Smedinghoff and Hopkinson congratulated Ms. Compton-Dzak on her new position.

At 9:07 am Trustee Bevan moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Trustee Long seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

- Ayes: Bevan, Smedinghoff, Hill, Hopkinson, Long, Calabrese-Berry, Stierwalt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Hopkinson
Secretary