

New Haven Free Public Library
Library Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting
December 10, 2019

Members present: Ms. Schneider, Dr. Anderson, Mr. Giering, Dr. Jewell, Ms. Merson and Mr. Sulpasso

Members absent: Dr. Garcia-Blocker and Alder Morrison

Welcome

Ms. Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm and noted that after this session, the Board would be joining the NHFPL Foundation Board for the annual joint meeting

City Librarian Discussion and Vote

Ms. Schneider briefed the Board on the Search committee discussions after the interviews with the three final candidates for the City Librarian position and after receiving feedback from members of the community and staff who had met with the finalists, as well. Mr. Giering presented the recommendation from the Search Committee, which was to offer the position to John Jessen at the current salary.

Mr. Sulpasso, who was present with the Search Committee members during the final interviews, offered his support of this decision. Ms. Schneider asked if there were any other questions before making a motion. Mr. Sulpasso made a motion to approve offering John Jessen the position of City Librarian. Dr. Jewell seconded, and the motion passed.

Ms. Schneider said she would follow up with the appropriate city officials to proceed with making the offer and finalizing a contract.

Public Comment

Ms. Schneider wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Ms. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana Schneider
Board President