

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CINCINNATI AND
HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Date: May 25, 2023

Meeting: Special

Place: Forest Park Branch

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Ms. Allen, Mr. Harding, Mr. Olson, Ms. Redden, Ms. Reynolds

Trustees Absent: Ms. Clemons Louis, Mr. Hendon

Present: Paula Brehm-Heeger, Molly DeFosse, Kathy Bach, Staci Dennison, Kyla Hardin, Holbrook Sample, and Beth Yoke

Ms. Allen reported that:

The Library first passed a five-year local levy in November 2009. That levy was renewed in November 2013 for 10 years and provides local funding through 2024. In order to place the levy on the ballot this coming November, we need certification of the current tax valuation from the Hamilton County Auditor. The following resolution is required to receive this certification at the current rate. We are also requesting the approval of two additional certification rates so that we can evaluate the options, particularly once the state budget process is complete, which is anticipated to happen this summer. In addition, we are considering moving from a 10-year term to a continuing levy. We are also requesting three additional resolutions of these amounts with the continuing term. Once the amount is determined later in the summer, a resolution will be presented to the Board to request the levy be on the ballot and submitted to the County Commissioners.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION

Resolution Requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Library District of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library, Hamilton County, Ohio and the Amount Generated During the First Year of Collection of a Renewal of an Existing Tax Levy for the Purpose of Providing Operating Expenses and Capital Improvements for the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library Totaling One (1) Mill

R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.23
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WHEREAS, the Board wishes to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of the entirety of the library district of the Library at the general election to be held November 7, 2023, the question of an additional tax in excess of the ten mill limitation consisting of a renewal of an existing levy of One (1) mill for the purpose of providing operating expenses and capital improvements for the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library, which tax shall be for a 10-year term and shall be levied on the entirety of the territory for the library district of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library located in Hamilton County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, such levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the current tax year, beginning 2024, first due in the calendar year 2025, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library, Hamilton County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to renew a ten-year, one mil levy for the purpose of providing operating expenses and capital improvements for the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library.

Section 2. The Hamilton County Auditor is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, to certify the total current tax valuation of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library located in Hamilton County, as established under RC Chapter 3375, and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of a renewal levy to be levied under Section 5705.23 of the Ohio Revised Code for the benefit of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each dollar of valuation, which

amounts to \$100.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value for operating expenses and capital improvements of the Library.

Section 3. The Fiscal Officer, Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Hamilton County Auditor.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoptions of this resolution we taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Allen moved that the board approve the resolution.

Ms. Redden seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Allen, Mr. Harding, Mr. Olson, Ms. Redden, Ms. Reynolds...5 ayes. The motion carried. (9-2023).

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION WITH ADDITION OF ONE HALF (.5) MILLS

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Ms. Allen moved that the board approve the resolution.

Ms. Reynolds seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Allen, Mr. Harding, Mr. Olson, Ms. Redden, Ms. Reynolds...5 eyes. The motion carried. **(10-2023)**.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION WITH AN ADDITION OF EIGHTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (1.85) MILLS

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Ms. Allen moved that the board approve the resolution.

Mr. Harding seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Allen, Mr. Harding, Mr. Olson, Ms. Redden, Ms. Reynolds...5 ayes. The motion carried. **(11-2023)**.

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(CONTINUING)

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Mr. Harding seconded.

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WITH ADDITION OF ONE HALF (.5) MILLS(CONTINUING)

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Ms. Allen moved that the board approve the resolution.

Mr. Olson seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Allen, Mr. Harding, Mr. Olson, Ms. Redden, Ms. Reynolds...5 ayes. The motion carried. **(13-2023)**.

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Ms. Allen moved that the board approve the resolution.

Ms. Redden seconded.

Voting for the motion: Ms. Allen, Mr. Harding, Mr. Olson, Ms. Redden, Ms. Reynolds...5 ayes. The motion carried. **(14-2023)**.

The Special Meeting was then adjourned.

President

Attest: Secretary