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Special Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

6:00 - 6:30 pm

Location: Georgia Public Library

Attending: Margo Coy, Ben Ebert, Paula Ralston, Cindy Rutkowski

Public appearances: Tom Reynolds

By phone: John Klesch (attorney)

Excused: Gary Deziel

Paula called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Paula asked if there were any public comments before the meeting began. Tom Reynolds asked if Trustees had received and reviewed his emails. All trustees present affirmed that they had.
2. Paula asked for a finding that premature general public knowledge of confidential attorney-client communications would clearly place the GPL at a substantial disadvantage because public disclosure of privileged communications would likely waive attorney-client privileged information.
2. Margo said "In order to entertain a motion to enter executive session for attorney-client communications, I move for a finding that premature general public knowledge of confidential attorney-client communications would clearly place the GPL at a substantial disadvantage because public disclosure of privileged communications would likely waive attorney-client privileged information." Ben seconded, all approved.
3. Ben said "Based upon finding, I hereby move the Board enter into executive session to consider confidential attorney-client communications and to invite the Board's legal counsel to participate in the meeting by telephone." Margo seconded and all approved. Paula brought the Board into executive session at 6:03 p.m.
4. At 6:22 p.m., Cindy moved that the Board come out of executive session and Ben seconded, all approved.

5. The Board read and adopted the resolution entitled "Resolution of June 12, 2019, Re: June 4 Open Meeting Law Complaint". Margo moved that the Board adopt the resolution and Ben seconded it, all approved. All Trustees present signed the resolution. Tom Reynolds objected that the resolution did not say that the March 26th special meeting took place at the Georgia Public Library. A copy of the resolution was given to Tom.

6. Cindy moved that the meeting be adjourned and Ben seconded, all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

*The only permissible reasons for going into executive session are set forth in 1 V.S.A. § 313. One category, requires the public body to make a specific finding that "premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage" prior to considering one of the following in executive session: contracts; labor relations agreements with employees; arbitration or mediation; grievances, other than tax grievances; pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party; or confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Other things a public body may consider in executive session are: The negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options; The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body makes its final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and must explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting; A disciplinary or dismissal action against a public officer or employee; but nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the right of such officer or employee to a public hearing if formal charges are brought; A clear and imminent peril to the public safety; Discussion or consideration of records or documents that are not public documents under the access to public records act. However, when the board discusses or considers the excepted record or document it may not also discuss the general subject to which the record pertains; The academic records or suspension or discipline of students; Municipal or school security or emergency response measures, the disclosure of which could jeopardize public safety.

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/514454/A-GUIDE-TO-OPEN-MEETINGS.pdf>