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Georgia Public Library Trustees

RESOLUTION OF JUNE 12, 2019  
RE: JUNE 4, 2019 OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT

1. Whereas on March 26, 2019, the Town of Georgia Public Library ("GPL") Trustees held a special meeting;
2. Whereas on June 4, 2019, the GPL Trustees received a complaint of an Vermont Open Meeting Law violation concerning the March 26, 2019 special meeting;
3. Whereas the complaint alleges three separate violations: (1) That the posted agenda for the special meeting did not state the location where the meeting would be held; (2) That the Chair of the GPL Trustees refused on March 26, 2019 to tell the complainant the location of the meeting; and (3) That the Trustees did not actually meet on March 26, 2019;
4. Whereas, with regard to the first alleged violation, the Open Meeting Law does not require that a meeting agenda warn the location of a special meeting;
5. Whereas the Open Meeting Law does require that a notice of the place of a special meeting be posted at least 24 hours before the special meeting;
6. Whereas, with regard to the first alleged violation, the Trustees have cured the alleged violation by ratifying during its April 15, 2019 meeting the action taken during the March 26, 2019 special meeting;
7. Whereas, in order to adopt specific measures to prevent future possible violations of the Open Meeting Law, the Trustees have asked GPL's legal counsel to provide them with an advice memorandum which outlines procedures for warning special meetings which such memorandum has been received and read by all of the Trustees and the Library Director;
8. Whereas nothing posted by the Trustees more than 24 hours before the March 26, 2019 special meeting expressly stated that the meeting was going to be held at the Georgia Public Library, such that the Trustees have determined that there was a violation of the Open Meeting Law related to the first violation alleged in ~~the~~ **June 4, 2019** complaint;
9. Whereas, the complaint does not accurately state comments or actions of the GPL Trustees Chair and, even if accurate, such comments or actions would not constitute a violation of the Open Meeting Law, the Trustees have determined that there was no violation of the Open Meeting Law based on the second violation alleged in the June 4, 2019 complaint;

10. Whereas the Trustees did in fact meet on March 26, 2019, such that the Trustees have determined that there was no violation of the Open Meeting Law based on the third violation alleged in the June 4, 2019 complaint;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Trustees have publicly responded today, June 12, 2019, to the Open Meeting Law complaint of June 4, 2019 by adopting this resolution which memorializes the Trustees' cure of an Open Meeting Law violation, which sets forth the specific measures taken to prevent future violations, and which denies other alleged violations.

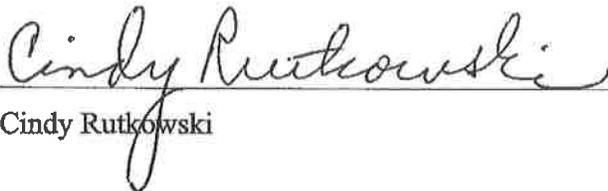
ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019:

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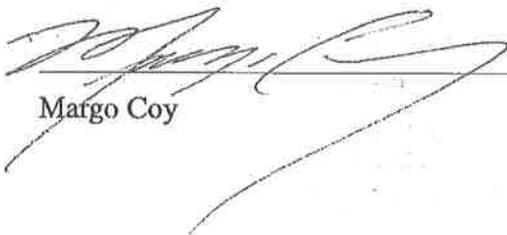


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