



**Executive Session Minutes of the Meeting  
The Flint Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Monday, April 10, 2023**

**NOTE:** This meeting was held in-person.

**Board of Trustees Present:** Donna Bambury, Chairperson; Erin Bennett, Vice Chair/Secretary; Timothy Houten, Treasurer; Maria Paikos-Hantzis; and Allison Sloan

**Others Present:** Loretta Swift Johnson, Library Director; Stefanie McKanas, Recording Secretary; Elizabeth Lydon, Town Council

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CALL TO ORDER:**

Donna Bambury, Chair; Maria Paikos-Hantzis, Erin Bennett, Vice Chair; Tim Houten, Treasurer; Loretta Swift Johnson, Library Director; Elizabeth Lydon, Town Council and Stefanie McKanas, Recording Secretary.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:05pm.

- Ms. Paikos-Hantzis asked when the Board votes on the March 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Session meeting minutes. Ms. Swift Johnson stated that the approval of Executive Session minutes is on the agenda under Open Session. Attorney Lydon stated that the Executive Session minutes can be released because the response has been sent out.
- Attorney Lydon stated she reviewed the complaint filed by Allison Sloan against the Board as well as has a phone conversation with Ms. Bambury about this situation.
- Since there was a misunderstanding of the responsibilities of the Chair to disseminate the complaint when an OML is received, the Board did violate the OML by not distributing the materials; however, Attorney Lydon found it to be unintentional.
- Ms. Paikos-Hantzis clarified that she was the only Board member that did not receive the materials. Ms. Bambury thought that Ms. Paikos-Hantzis received the February 24<sup>th</sup> OML complaint but not the Town Council draft response.
- Ms. Bennett stated that a lot of unnecessary time has been spent on these OML violations and asked Attorney Lydon how to prevent future complaint filings.
- Attorney Lydon suggested that if an issue arises, the Board should address it immediately and rectify it at that time to avoid future OML complaints.
- Mr. Houten stated that Ms. Sloan has not addressed any concerns of OML violations with the Board directly, but rather files the formal complaints at a later time.
- Attorney Lydon stated that the Town can be fined if the OML complaints are found intentional.
- Attorney Lydon recommends that if a person files multiple OML complaints in a certain period of time, the Board can request mediation for that person.
- Attorney Lydon states that a June 6<sup>th</sup> training session has been scheduled in which all members are required to attend. Attorney Lydon or Attorney Jay Talerma will lead the training session.
- The Board members reviewed Attorney Lydon's draft letter and were in agreement that it was an appropriate response.

**Mr. Houten made a motion to delegate the response to the complaint to Ms. Lydon, Town Council. Ms. Paikos-Hantzis seconded the motion. Ms. Bambury voted yes; Ms. Paikos-Hantzis voted yes; Ms. Bennett voted yes and Mr. Houten voted yes.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**With no further business, Ms. Paikos-Hantzis moved to exit executive session and return to open session. Ms. Bennett seconded the motion. Ms. Bambury voted yes; Ms. Paikos-Hantzis voted yes; Ms. Bennett voted yes and Mr. Houten voted yes.**

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:22pm

Respectfully Submitted by Stefanie McKanas, Recording Secretary