

WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
Monday, April 28, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

1. MEETING OPENING

- a. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Gail Crockett called the Library Board to order at 6:33pm.
- b. ROLL CALL – Present were Board members Kim Cohen, Eileen Daly, EJ Greenspan, and Natalia Menjivar.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 25, 2025 MEETING MINUTES – Motion to approve minutes made by Vice-Chair Greenspan, Seconded by Board Member Cohen. Unanimously approved.
- b. DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL - Vice-Chair Greenspan outlines the procedural history of the appeal and goes over the procedural guidelines for the evening's hearing.
- c. APPEAL OF LIBRARY DECISION re: D. Haines – present on behalf of the Appellant is D. Haines, represented by Attorney Jay Wolman. Present on behalf of the West Hartford Public Library – Director L. Irmscher.
 - i. Attorney Wolman presents his opening statement, conducts a direct examination of his client, and introduces exhibits.
 - ii. Recess at 7:01 pm. Reconvene at 7:07pm.
 - iii. Attorney Wolman continues his direct examination.
 - iv. Library Board directs questions to the Appellant.
 - v. Attorney Wolman calls J. Carbonell and conducts direct of J. Carbonell. Board members question J. Carbonell.
 - vi. Attorney Wolman calls P. Wallace and conducts direct of P. Wallace.
 - vii. Recess at 7:47 pm. Reconvene at 7:49pm.
 - viii. Continuation of Attorney Wolman's questioning of P. Wallace. Board members question P. Wallace.
 - ix. Testimony of Director Irmscher.
 - x. Recess at 8:13pm. Reconvene at 8:21 pm.
 - xi. Continuation of Director Irmscher's testimony followed by Board members questioning of Director Irmscher.
 - xii. Cross-examination of Director Irmscher by Attorney Wolman.
 - xiii. Testimony of M. Beaudreault through questions by the Board followed by cross-examination by Attorney Wolman.
 - xiv. Testimony of L. Farrell through questions by the Board followed by cross-examination by Attorney Wolman.
 - xv. Testimony of O. Bamisaiye through questions by the Board followed by cross-examination by Attorney Wolman.
 - xvi. Recess at 9:47 pm. Reconvene at 9:53 pm.
 - xvii. Closing Arguments
- d. DISCUSSION OF ANY ACTION ITEMS
Board members individually discuss their respective analyses and unanimously uphold Director Irmscher's decision.

3. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The motion was made by Vice-Chair Greenspan to adjourn and was seconded by Board Member Menjivar. Meeting adjourns at 10:08 pm.