MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Date : April 15, 2014

Time : 10:00 A.M.

Place : Board of Library Commissioners

Boston, Massachusetts

Present : Francis R. Murphy, Chairman; Mary Rose Quinn, Vice Chairman; Gregory J. Shesko, Secretary; Carol B. Caro; Mary Ann Cluggish; George T. Comeau; Mary Kronholm; N. Janeen Resnick; Alice M. Welch

Absent : None

**Staff Present:**

Dianne Carty, Acting Director\*; Celeste Bruno, Communications Specialist; Marlene Heroux, Reference Information Systems Specialist; Paul Kissman, Library Information Systems Specialist; William Morton, Assistant to the Director; Deborah Roth, Contracts Specialist; Lauren Stara, Library Building Specialist; Sharon Zitser, Library Advisory and Development Assistant; Cynthia Roach, Head of Library Advisory and Development/Government Liaison

**Observers Present:**

None

**Call to Order**

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS IN THE DIRECTOR SEARCH PROCESS**

Chairman Murphy briefly reviewed the three search efforts for a new Director and reported that the Search Committee recommended that that the Board take a six-month hiatus before starting a new search. He again thanked the members of the Search Committee for their important service.

Chairman Murphy stated that leadership at the MBLC not only affects the agency but the entire library community, which includes the Massachusetts Library System, the Library for the Commonwealth, the Talking Book Libraries, the automated networks, statewide programs and initiatives like the eBook pilot, and ultimately all Massachusetts residents.

\*Not present at beginning of meeting.

The Commissioners engaged in discussion.

The Commissioners felt that delaying the search for six months or a year would be detrimental to the Agency. The MBLC and the entire library community needs a permanent Director who can provide needed leadership.

The Commissioners praised Dianne Carty and her work as Acting Director during the past year. They hoped that she would apply for the position.

**Chairman Murphy called a brief recess at 10:25 A.M.**

**Chairman Murphy reconvened the meeting at 10:37 A.M.**

Acting Director Dianne Carty joined the meeting.

After speaking with Acting Director Carty, Chairman Murphy informed the Commissioners that she will apply for the position. Following the submission of all required documents, the Commissioners will interview Ms. Carty at the end of MBLC Board meeting in Holyoke on May 1, 2014.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING NEXT STEPS FOR THE DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Caro moved and Commissioner Quinn seconded that the Massachusetts Board of library Commissioners disband the Director Search Committee and thank Committee members for their service.

Chairman Murphy stated that he would send a letter to the Search Committee members thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Murphy adjourned the April 15, 2014 special meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners at 10:47 A.M.

Gregory J. Shesko

Secretary