

**The Westport Library  
Westport, Connecticut  
Approved Minutes of the Governance and Nominations Committee Meeting  
June 9, 2020**

**Members Present:** Pat Wieser (Chair), Celeste LaCroix, Scott Bennewitz, Ken Bernhard, Iain Bruce, Rob Haroun, Maggie Mudd, and Jeremy Price.

**Members Absent:** None.

Staff attending: Bill Harmer, and Wafaa Naggar.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Pat Wieser.

A **motion** to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes was presented by Scott Bennewitz, seconded by Ken Bernard, with Celeste LaCroix abstaining, and approved by the committee.

A **motion** to approve the "Conflict of Interest Code of Conduct and Policy for the Board" was presented by Scott Bennewitz, seconded by Ken Bernard, and approved by the committee.

Pat Wieser updated the group on the number of applications received for new board members, 18 were submitted, 1 was submitted pass the deadline, and 2 pulled out due to personal reasons. Six (6) new members were selected, 3 nominated and approved by the town RTM, and 3 are nominated by the library to be approved at the board of trustees meeting scheduled for June 17, 2020.

The 3 new members nominated by the RTM are:

- Sheila Ward for 4 year-term
- Krishna Patel for 4 year-term
- Jenna Markowitz will take over Adrian Hinojos' spot for a three-year term

In addition, Andrea Berkley was reappointed by RTM for another 4 year-term

A **motion** to recommend to the board of the trustees the following new members to be nominated by the library board of trustees was presented by Pat Wieser, seconded by Celeste LaCroix, and approved by the committee:

- Fred Klein 3 year-term filling in for Puja Dhanraj
- Stefano Pacifico 4 year-term
- Barrie Rosen 4 year-term

Scott Bennewitz reported to the committee on the results of the board of trustee's surveys. Surveys were sent out on May 15, 2020, 100% was completed. Scott will summarize the results and send the report to Pat Wieser and Iain Bruce for review.

Jeremy Price suggested that next year each board of trustee's committee come up with 1-3 issues to work on during the year and present it to the full board at the beginning of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Wafaa Naggat*