

**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
of the Board of Directors  
HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
October 7, 2009**

Present: Gregory Davis, Anne Melissa Dowling, Stephen Goddard, William Large, Jackie Lilly, Brad Noel, Thea Montañez, Enid Rey, Cynthia Reik, Romulo Samaniego, Annette Sanderson, Paul Shipman, and Geraldine Sullivan

Also present: Andrea Figueroa, administrative assistant, Office of the Chief Librarian

Absent: Michael Gannon, Connie Green, Carlos Valinho

President Geraldine Sullivan called the special meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to move into executive session. The motion was approved.

Sullivan reconvened the special meeting at 1:13 p.m.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to appoint Matthew K. Poland as Chief Operating Officer of Hartford Public Library effective immediately. Poland will serve as head of the Library and all library operations with a recommended maximum annual salary for the first year of \$125,000. The motion was approved.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and seconded to present to the Corporators at the annual meeting on October 15, 2009 a resolution to change **Article VI. of the Bylaws of Hartford Public Library** to change the title *Chief Librarian* to *Chief Executive Officer* as the head of the Library. Also, put forth an amendment to the by-laws which would require that there be at least one individual on the senior management staff who holds a Masters in Library Sciences degree and reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer. The motion was approved.

**Board Action:** With no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Figueroa  
Administrative Assistant