**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**  
Regular Meeting ** this meeting is in the process of minutes being applied ***/

**Wednesday**  
6:30 P.M.  
Community Room  
28 S. 1st Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550

### 1. Meeting Opening

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The regular meeting of Wednesday October 20, 2021 was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Trustee Vivien Salmon.

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Trustees' present: Oscar Davis Jr., Judy Williams-Davis, Cathlin Gleason, Hope Marable, and Vivien Salmon

Also present was: Michael Williams, Bob Jahelka, and Anthony C. of DSJ CPA, Tom Petriconne; Jackson Lewis Attorney, Chris Williams; CSEA President, Doris Hackett; CSEA Vice President, Tisha Blackman; csea Secretary, Gary Newman, Debbie Harris, Maxine Grandison, Shanese Brown, David Cambillo, Cheryl Thomas, Scott Griffith; library staff, Johnathan Davis, Lauren Carter, Adrian Van Lew, Jessie Van Lew, Derrick Thompson; Library patrons, Marcus Griffith; Chief Financial Officer, Timur Davis; Director, and Doreen McQueen; Administrative Assistant.

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**The Pledge of Allegiance**

https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/mvpl/Board.nsf/Public#
I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Judy Williams-Davis.

Subject 1.4 Acceptance of Agenda
Meeting Oct 20, 2021 - Regular Meeting ** this meeting is in the process of minutes being applied ***
Category 1. Meeting Opening
Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve the agenda

Upon a motion made by Cathlin Gleason, seconded by Judy Williams-Davis, the Board approved the agenda for the Regular meeting of Wednesday October 20, 2021. Trustee Marable stated she has a preliminary copy of the strategic plan for tonight's meeting and the final editing should be complete by October 26, 2021. And, that Trustee Davis need to answer some questions and in regards to the credit card. The vote carried 5 yes and 0 no.

Trustee votes
Oscar Davis Jr. - Yes, welcomes an investigation
Judy Williams-Davis- Yes
Cathlin Gleason -Yes
Hope Marable- No
Vivien Salmon- Yes

2. Director's Report

Subject 2.1 Director Timur A. Davis Report
Meeting Oct 20, 2021 - Regular Meeting ** this meeting is in the process of minutes being applied ***
Category 2. Director's Report

Type

3. Committee Reports

Subject 3.1 Building & Grounds Committee
Director spoke to the leakage being corrected, a drain inside the building was clogged and the repair was done in-house by maintenance

Oscar Davis reported:
- new security team in place, they will do an evaluation and give their recommendations on our needs
- no issue with the elevator
- children rooms carpet to be replaced, awaiting on bids

Cathlin Gleason reported:
- outside contractor going through our books to reconcile accounts, only 1 account needs to be reconcile
- interviewing for a treasurer, previous treasure was let go because of inconsistency
- expressed the investigation was reported prematurely

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Jessie Vanlew (Save Mount Vernon) stated, "I reached out to everyone including the mayor and I waited 3 weeks before going to White Plains to complain"
WHEREAS: The Mount Vernon Public Library ("MVPL") submitted a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, which was affirmatively voted by the majority of the citizens of the City of Mount
FURTHERMORE: The Administration of the MVPL has prepared various checks to various third parties, dated September 15, 2021 as payment for goods and/or services duly received by the MVPL in the ordinary course of business, which are within the approved budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. A listing of such checks is attached to this Resolution and includes consecutive check numbers 15731-15768 totaling $225,415.09 (amended). After grouping these checks according to their respective purpose, a total $8,476.67 was for Book expenses, $425.50 was for Periodicals expenses, $2,312.00 was for New Technology, $6,071.75 was for Program expenses-MV, $750.00 was for Publicity & Print, $1,200.00 was for Computer Equipment, $780.00 was for Telephone – Telecommunication Exp., $61,692.64 was for WLS Terminal exp., $228.00 was for Postage Exp.-Main, $13,690.00 was for Professional Fees, $370.00 was for Miscellaneous Exp.-MV, $89.30 was for Fuel Exp., $1,763.10 was for Custodial supplies, $3,290.42 was for Repairs to Build. Exp.-MV., $1,529.91 was for Miscellaneous Building Exp., $18,145.67 was for Security Guard Exp., $13,732.92 was for Service Contract.

FURTHERMORE: The Administration has reviewed the checks and underlying documentation and makes the following affirmation:

The Administration has reviewed each check and related underlying documentation and certify that each check has been prepared in accordance with such documentation, for the amount of the related invoice and matching purchase order and that such expenditure is solely for Library purposes and is within the annual budget amount for the particular budget line item.

THEREFORE: It is the recommendation of the Administration of the MVPL that two signers on Board of Trustees sign all such checks.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon Public Library (“MVPL”) hereby authorizes and empowers either one of the Trustees authorized to sign checks, to sign each of the checks delineated on the attached check register in accordance with the policies and procedures of the MVPL.

A total of $244,575.26 has been deducted from this resolution original amount of $469,990.35. This amount has been removed and voted and passed on Check Signing Resolution #0087-21 at the 9/21/21 special meeting. #15756 NYS Employee Health $233,363.18, #15757 Philadelphia Ins. $10,398.50, #15763 Staples $592.73, #15764 Amazon $220.85.

This resolution will be pulled and voted on at the special meeting of 10/26/21.
**FURTHERMORE:** The Administration of the MVPL has prepared various checks to various third parties, dated September 21, 2021 as payment for goods and/or services duly received by the MVPL in the ordinary course of business, which are within the approved budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. A listing of such checks is attached to this Resolution and includes consecutive check numbers 15773-15770 totaling $36,392.76. After grouping these checks according to their respective purpose, a total $1,003.79 was for Book expenses, $6,314.28 was for Periodicals expenses, $644.80 was for Supplies expenses-Main, $5,195.00 was for Professional Fees, $24,304.49 was for Service Contract, $220.00 was for Insurance Expense- MV.

**FURTHERMORE:** The Administration has reviewed the checks and underlying documentation and makes the following affirmation:

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**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon Public Library (“MVPL”) hereby authorizes and empowers either one of the Trustees authorized to sign checks, to sign each of the checks delineated on the attached check register in accordance with the policies and procedures of the MVPL.

$644.80 has been adjusted from the original amount of $37,682.36-44 this resolution check#15780 for $520.08 and #15781 $124.72 has been pulled and approved to pay at the 9/21/21 meeting.

This item will be voted on at the special meeting of 10/26/21

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**Subject**
5.3 Jackson Lewis Payment Approval Resolution #0084-21

**Meeting**
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**Category**
5. Finance and Documents Review

**Type**

**Mount Vernon Public Library**
Board of Trustees
Resolution #0084-21

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYING JACKSON LEWIS FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS,** the President of the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for paying Jackson Lewis Law Firm for professional legal services rendered to Mount Vernon Public Library from July 31, 2021 – August 30, 2021,

**WHEREAS,** Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it

https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/mvpl/Board.nsf/Public#
**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the acceptance of payment to Jackson Lewis for professional legal services rendered to Mount Vernon Public Library from July 31, 2021 – August 30, 2021, in the amount of $54,902.50.

Upon a motion made by Hope Marable, seconded by Judy Williams-Davis, the Board approved and adopted Resolution #0084-21. The vote carried 4 yes and 0 no.

Yea Nay Abstain Trustees
X____ ____ ____ Oscar Davis, Jr.
X____ ____ ____ Judy Williams-Davis

Cathlin Gleason left at 10:03 before
X____ ____ ____ Hope Marable
X____ ____ ____ Vivien Salmon

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**Subject**  
5.4 Robert Ponzini Legal Service Resolution #0094-21

**Meeting**  
Oct 20, 2021 - Regular Meeting ** this meeting is in the process of minutes being applied ***

**Category**  
5. Finance and Documents Review

**Type**

**Mount Vernon Public Library**  
Board of Trustees  
Resolution #0094-21

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYING JACKSON LEWIS FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS,** the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for paying for Robert J. Ponzini, Esq., of Gaines, Novick, Ponzini, Cossu & Venditti, LLP law firm for professional legal services as a Hearing Officer rendered to Mount Vernon Public Library,

**WHEREAS,** Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the acceptance of payment of $500.00 to Robert J. Ponzini, Esq., for professional legal services as Hearing Officer rendered to Mount Vernon Public Library.

Upon a motion made by Judy Williams-Davis, seconded by Vivein Salmon, the Board approved and adopted Resolution #0094-21. The vote carried 4 yes and 0 no.

Yea Nay Abstain Trustees
x____ ____ ____ Oscar Davis, Jr.
x____ ____ ____ Judy Williams-Davis

Cathlin Gleason left at 10:03 before the vote
x____ ____ ____ Hope Marable
x____ ____ ____ Vivein Salmon

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**Subject**  
5.5 DSJCPA Contract Review
Resolution Granting Signing Authority - for Tax Return Filing

RESOLUTION #0074-18

WHEREAS, Kristin Krauskopf, CPA has prepared and completed the Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax (Form 990) for the following period:
Fiscal Year Ending July 1, 2016 –June 30, 2017
RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Public Library empower and authorize its Board President, Mr. Oscar Davis, Jr. to sign, execute, for and on behalf of the Organization, The tax filing of Form 990.
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the Mount Vernon Public Library are, and each acting alone is, hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as may be necessary, appropriate or advisable to implement this resolution and amendment and any such prior actions are hereby ratified; and
We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Mount Vernon Public Library is comprised of 5 members, of whom 3, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 20th day of September, 2017 and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members, and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Minute Book and is in full force and effect.
Yea Nay Abstained Trustees
X ___ ____ Oscar Davis, Jr.
A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2018-2019 NYS CONSTRUCTION GRANT, PHASE III
#0386-19-8012 APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board of Trustees the approval of a resolution to allow the filing of the NYS Library Construction Grants Phase III #0386-19-8012 application, in order to repair and upgrade the water damaged areas, young adult, fiction, children’s, the un-useable back offices and the un-useable study room A.
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations, and sign the assurances for state library aid.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the NYS construction grant application for the Capital project phase III, #0386-19-8012.

Upon a motion made by Cathlin Gleason, seconded by Malcolm Clark, the Board approved and adopted Resolution #0114-18. The vote carried 4 yes and 0 no.

Yea    Nay   Abstain Trustees
X____   ____   ____   Malcolm I. Clark
X____   ____   ____   Oscar Davis, Jr.
X____   ____   ____   Judy Williams-Davis
X____   ____   ____   Cathlin Gleason
____   ____   ____   Tanya Southerland

Subject 5.9 Location of Debit Card
6. New Business

Subject 6.1 City Quiet Down Payment Resolution #0083-21

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CITY QUIET WINDOWS 50% DOWN PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for the restoration of the historic windows with the assistance of New York State Education Department grant # 0386-20-8601. After obtaining bids, the Director and the Building and Grounds committee recommends the job is awarded to City Quiet Windows.

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the acceptance of City Quiet Windows to furnish and to complete the installation of 63 double hung, 44 top transoms, and to install new windows into existing openings using a high-grade sealant. The 50% payment to commence contract work on the Windows project is $60,000.00 in addition, there is a Bond fee of $4,161.83 and insurance cancellation notice fee of $156.00 to properly secure the funding for the window construction project the down payment for the job will not exceed $64,317.83.00, and will be expensed from ______________budget.

Upon a motion made by Judy Williams-Davis, seconded by Oscar Davis Jr., the Board approved and adopted Resolution #0083-21. The vote carried 3 yes and 1 no.

Yea    Nay    Abstain    Trustees
X_____ _____ _____    Oscar Davis, Jr.
X_____ _____ _____    Judy Williams-Davis
Cathlin Gleason left at 10:03 before the vote
____  X_____ _____    Hope Marable
A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FCC’S EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND

WHEREAS, the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for the FCC’s Emergency Connectivity Fund

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted, and authorized the acceptance of the FCC’s Emergency Connectivity Fund to assist in closing the Information Gap in the City of Mount Vernon and the ECF will help provide relief to students, school staff, and library patrons and will help close the Homework Gap for students who currently lack necessary Internet access or the devices they need to connect to classrooms. Library patrons will have access to up-to-date Laptops and mobile Hotspots and the funding approved total is $106,464.00.

Upon a motion made by Hope Marable, seconded by Judy Williams-Davis, the Board approved and adopted Resolution #0091-21. The vote carried 4 yes and 0 no.

Yea Nay Abstain Trustees
X____ ____ ____ Oscar Davis, Jr.
X____ ____ ____ Judy Williams-Davis
Cathlin Gleason left at 10:03 before the vote
X____ ____ ____ Hope Marable
X____ ____ ____ Vivien Salmon

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ARTS ALIVE GRANT FOR COMIC MAKING WORKSHOP

WHEREAS, the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for the ArtsWestchester/Arts Alive Project Grant for a series of ten free
comic-making workshops at the Library focusing on visual narrative, color, cartooning, lettering, and making a mini comic. Workshops will be led by artist, Michael Grassia on five dates in November 2021 and five dates in December 2021,

**WHEREAS,** Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the acceptance of the ArtsWestchester matching grant in the sum of $1,250.00 and Mount Vernon Public Library will match the amount of $1,250.00 which the expenditure for the Comic-Making Workshops to $2,500.00.

Upon a motion made by Hope Marable, seconded by Judy Williams-Davis, the Board approved and adopted Resolution #0091-21. The vote carried 4 yes and 0 no.

Yea Nay Abstain Trustees
X_____ ____ _____ Oscar Davis, Jr.
X_____ ____ _____ Judy Williams-Davis
Cathlin Gleason left at 10:03 before the vote
X_____ ____ _____ Hope Marable
X_____ ____ _____ Vivien Salmon

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**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR APPLICATION FOR MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S NY STATE REGISTRATION AND CHARTER**

**WHEREAS,** the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for the Application for Registration Form for the New York State Education Department to be reviewed by the library system, and reviewed submitted to the State Library by the library system,

**WHEREAS,** Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the acceptance of the Application for Registration Form, reviewed by the library system, and to be submitted to the New York State Library for the purposes of receiving a New York State Library Registration/Charter for Mount Vernon Public Library.

This resolution will be addressed at the special meeting of 10/26/21

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**Subject** 6.4 NYS Registration Resolution #0093-21

**Meeting** Oct 20, 2021 - Regular Meeting **this meeting is in the process of minutes being applied***

**Category** 6. New Business

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**Subject** 6.5 Library Policies Resolutions #0095-21
A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF LIBRARY POLICIES FOR MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for accepting the following Mount Public Library’s policies; Sexual Harassment Prevention, Whistle Blower, Internet Use, Confidentiality of Records, and Conflict of Interest policies

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the acceptance of the said above policies.

Upon a motion made by Hope Marable, seconded by Oscar Davis Jr., the Board approved and adopted Resolution #0095-21. The vote carried 4 yes and 0 no.

Yea Nay Abstain Trustees
X___ _____ _____ Oscar Davis, Jr.
X___ _____ _____ Judy Williams-Davis
Cathlin Gleason left at 10:03 before the vote
X___ _____ _____ Hope Marable
X___ _____ _____ Vivien Salmon

File Attachments
Sexual Harrasment Policy.pdf (17,002 KB)
Internet Access Policy.docx (14 KB)
Whistle Blower Policy.pdf (9,688 KB)
Confidentiality Of Records - ALA.pdf (8,065 KB)

Subject 6.6 Explanation of E-Rates Discussion
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7. Personnel

Subject 7.1 Grievance Settlement Resolution #0090-21
A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVE THE GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board this resolution for the negotiated settlement for an employee that worked in the Principal Clerk civil service classification title from May 10, 2021, to August 10, 2021,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library must approve these recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted, and authorized the acceptance of this recommendation of payment in the amount of $3,215.00 for working in the Principal Clerk classification title.

This resolution will be presented at the special meeting 10/26/21