

NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING JANUARY 26, 2022

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northport-East Northport Public Library was held in the Northport Library Board Conference Room on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Margaret Hartough called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Also present were, Georganne White, Jacqueline Elsas, Judith Bensimon, Carolyn McQuade, and Assistant Director Nancy Morcerf.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ms. White moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Bensimon and unanimously carried.

- III. Mrs. Hartough opened the discussion about Mask Mandates and how to handle requirements or recommendations following the Nassau County Supreme Court's decision to declare the New York State mandate unconstitutional and the subsequent stay of that decision granted by a judge of the Appellate Division and referred to a panel of Appellate Division justices to be heard at a later date. After examining the correspondence from the Library's legal advisor, the correspondence from the Suffolk County Cooperative Library System and information gathered from the Zone libraries of the Town of Huntington and from our library's staff, the trustees discussed how to proceed in the near future and going forward. The outcome of the discussion was that the Library will continue to follow New York State. If the New York State Mask Mandate is not extended beyond January 2022, the library will return to its procedure of recommending face masks in all areas except the Community Rooms where masks are required by both patrons and program presenters.

The Board intends to follow up this discussion at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 17, 2022 and will consider creating a policy.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Elsas moved to adjourn meeting at 11:04 am, seconded by Ms. White and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith Bensimon
Secretary



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Dear Board Member:

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northport-East Northport Public Library will be held on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 10:30 AM** to discuss emergency considerations related to the Nassau County Supreme Court's ruling and the Appellate Division's application for a stay relating to the Statewide mask mandate and implications for the Northport-East Northport Public Library.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda (Motion Required)
- III. Discussion of recent challenges to the New York State Mask Mandate and considerations for the public library.
- IV. Adjournment