

**Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for April 10, 2023 Meeting**

**Special Open Meeting Held: Library Auditorium
Optional Zoom Meeting ID 842 9475 4177 & Password 279512**

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present	Ms. Wendy Armacost Ms. Brenda Fargo - Zoom Mr. Jimmy Rizzo - Zoom Ms. Monica Rodriguez - Zoom Ms. Krista Vellis - Zoom Mr. Palmer Yale - Zoom
Absent	Ms. Kristie Damell Ms. Kat Fanning Ms. Stephanie Kivich
Staff Present	Ms. Gretchen Corsillo
Others Present	
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Ms. Armacost

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Armacost read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. Closed Session

WHEREAS, the “Open Public Meetings Act” requires that a public body adopt a resolution at an open meeting before going into closed session to discuss a matter which excludes the public as permitted under Section 7b;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library Board of Trustees will hold a closed meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:08 PM in person and via Zoom to discuss appointment of legal counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the outcome of this discussion will be disclosed to the public when there is no further need for confidentiality.

4. New Business

- Appointment of the new legal counsel

Motion: To approve the appointment of David LaPorta as the library’s legal counsel.

Moved: Vellis Seconded: Rodriguez

For: Armacost, Fargo, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Vellis, Yale

Against:

Abstain:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Library Board has determined that it is in the best interest to retain the professional set forth in this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Library Board is familiar with the credentials of David LaPorta and has previously found that they have the requisite professional expertise and experience to assist the Library; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board seeks to enter an agreement to retain David LaPorta for performance of professional services not to exceed the cost of \$20,000 for the year 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that David LaPorta is hereby authorized to serve as Legal Counsel for the Library.

- Approval of delayed opening on April 13, 2023

Motion: To approve a delayed opening of 1:30pm on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Moved: Vellis Seconded: Rizzo

For: Armacost, Fargo, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Vellis, Yale

Against:

Abstain:

5. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Rodriguez Seconded: Vellis

For: Armacost, Fargo, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Vellis, Yale

Against:

Abstain:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Verdino

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00pm