

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND**  
**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ROGERS FREE LIBRARY – BOARD OF**  
**TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Rogers Free Library (the “Library”) was originally founded in 1877 and exists today as a municipal library serving the Town of Bristol; and

**WHEREAS**, under Sec. 29-4-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Library is governed by a Board of Trustees (the “Board”); and

**WHEREAS**, under Sec. 29-4-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Bristol Town Council is empowered to appoint members of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Bylaws of the Library’s Board provide that the Trustees are appointed to the Board by the Town Council “on the recommendation of the Trustees themselves”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council values the input of the Board as it considers candidates for appointment to the Board, but wishes to ensure that applications from all persons who apply for membership on the Board are presented to the Council;

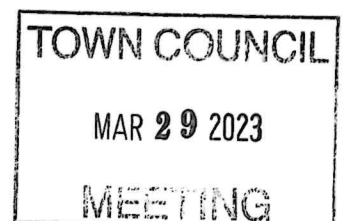
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Bristol Town Council hereby respectfully requests the Board to adopt amendments to its Bylaws consistent with this Resolution, the form of which shall be approved by the Town Solicitor’s Office.

ATTEST:

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Melissa Cordeiro  
Town Clerk

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Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman  
Bristol Town Council



**H1. Vice Chairwoman Parella re update on Rogers Free  
Library Board of Trustees appointment process  
(continued from 2/8/2023)**

Parella/Teixeira- Voted unanimously to instruct the Library Board to work with the solicitor's office to draft a resolution to adopt revisions to the bylaws consistent with the discussion.

Prior to the vote taken, Vice Chairwoman Parella stated that as the library liaison, she was asked to make changes to the appointment process for new board members. The council requested that the library board provide at least three names for consideration. She explained that she had been in discussions with the new library board chairman who is open to these changes and is working with a subcommittee to draw up support and recruit new members. She explained that One of the board members and the previous chairperson has resigned, and two new appointments will be made in the next few months.

Vice Chairwoman Parella explained that a draft of the appointment process was distributed to herself and the clerk. (a copy of the draft was distributed to members of the council at this time) She explained that some revisions were made to include applications being submitted through the Clerk's office and forwarded to the Rogers Free Library Chairman. A subcommittee would review the applications and make a selection for at least three candidate recommendations to the town council. The council would also interview the final candidates prior to selection as consistent with the appointment process for other Town Boards and Commissions.

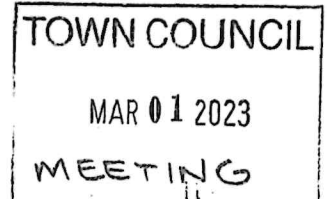
Chairman Calouro suggested a minor adjustment to the appointment process to ensure all applicants are listed, not just the top three. He emphasized the importance of transparency and public knowledge. Overall found the format reasonable and easy to work with.

H1. Vice Chairwoman Parella re update on Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees appointment process (**continued from 2/8/2023**)

Parella/Sweeney-Voted unanimously to continue the matter to March 1, 2023

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Councilman Teixeira asked that Vice Chairwoman Parella review the bylaws, as proposed in consent agenda item AA3. Specifically, the language regarding trustee appointments.



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