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Mr. Rashid called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**
A. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Rashid, Mr. Mays, Ms. McClarin, Ms. Turner, Ms. Shaheed, Dr. Harris,

A quorum exists. Present – 6, Absent - 1

Also present at the table were: Mr. Carlos Latimer (Interim Director), Mr. Ross Cockfield (CFO), Mr. E.F. Turner III (Exec. Admin. Assistant).

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Mays: Has anyone heard from him. Mr. Chairman, has anyone heard from the absent counselor? I mean, board members

Mr. Rashid: I cannot say that I have. Having a quorum President, I guess we can move to the next item on the agenda which is the approval of the agenda. Would anyone like to entertain a motion?

Mr. Mays: Mr. Chairman, I moved that we approved the agenda and wave the 24-hour rule to discuss meeting in person and be added to the agenda.

Mr. Rashid: Is there a second?

Ms. McClarin: I'll second.

Mr. Rashid: There's a motion and a second. Is there any discussion about it?

Mr. Mays: Yeah that was a motion a second.

Mr. Rashid: Well, would you Mr. Turner, would you call the roll?

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (yes), Mr. Mays (yes), Ms. McClarin (yes), Ms. Turner (yes), Ms. Shaheed (yes), Dr. Harris (yes)

Yes – 6

Motion passes.

Mr. Mays moved and Ms. McClarin seconds approval of the amended agenda.

The amended agenda is approved.

III. RESOLUTION 08-01-2020: TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM THE GREATER CLEVELAND COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE FUND OF \$50,000 FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND REDINESS.

Mr. Rashid: Okay. So, the motion to approve the agenda with the added discussion as approved. First item on the agenda for discussion is, as a matter of fact, maybe what we should. What I'd like to do at this time is maybe have the director explain this first resolution and details on it before we decided to vote.

Mr. Mays: Mr. Chairman, we have to get a sponsor person and get it on the floor for discussion.

Ms. Turner: We don't need a sponsor; we just need to know what it is. And somebody to read it and said, we don't have to have a sponsor.

Mr. Mays: We do need a sponsor to get it before us to sponsor resolution... We do have to get it on the floor then up for the discussion and then that's when...

Ms. McClarin: He said let the director, present it first. That's what he said. Let the director present it, and then we'll go to next step.

Ms. Turner: Then somebody will make the motion and then it can be second.

Mr. Mays: No, that's not that's not that's not the way it operates... The director only can discuss it once we get it before us, then you call on the director to discuss the matter. And if there's any other discussion, we can discuss it with him of what have you. And then we from that point on we move to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Rashid: Okay, in the interest of expediting the process...

Mr. Mays: I move that we, I move, Mister Chairman, I moved to sponsor resolution...

Mr. Rashid: Dr. Harris was trying to say something. I heard Dr. Harris in there before you start talking Mr. Mays.

Mr. Mays: Oh, I'm sorry. Excuse me.

Dr. Harris: Well, I was going to sponsor the resolution but that's okay.

Mr. Mays: Then I go here, I have a sponsor resolution 08-01-2020.

Mr. Rashid: Okay, this resolution is from the COVID-19 response...

Mr. Mays: Wait a minute did we get a second?

Ms. Turner: We're just seconding the fact that you sponsored it, correct?

Mr. Mays: But we have someone has to sponsor to get it before us well as we can. We have done that over the night so second for him, then Mr. Chairman can call on Him to discuss this resolution.

Ms. Turner: I'll Second.

Mr. Rashid: I thought I heard a second.

Mr. Mays: Who called the second? Call your name so he can reflect it on the record.

Ms. Shaheed: Excuse me, is this something new this thing about sponsor I thought that the resolution was for the Director to...

Mr. Mays: That's the normal procedure.

Ms. McClarin: We've never sponsored a resolution. This is not city hall.

Mr. Mays: We know it's not City Hall and we knew it as, but we're not going to get into that, there has been a second I would like to know who it was where as we can discuss it. We don't need to do this.

Dr. Harris: MaryAnne Harris

Mr. Rashid: Dr. Harrison Second, the sponsorship of the resolution has been sponsored a second will the director please come forward to kind of give us an explanation or give us an outline what this grant is for so we can move to the next step of it.

Mr. Latimer: Okay, this is the greater Cleveland COVID-19 rapid response fund. We submitted this grant in March right at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. We submitted the full amount of \$50,000 it was restricted to the projects we would like to complete with this project. Of \$50,000, \$28,000 is to help modify the facility and provide PPE to be in compliance with the COVID-19 safety measures. And \$22,000 is to purchase hotspots and digital equipment to be used for by East Cleveland Public Library patrons and older adults in our seniors too.

Mr. Rashid: Director, Latimer, I will congratulate you and your team for working so diligently and putting together an application for this grant and it has been accepted great work, and I want to you know, just kind of give your people the due recognition that they deserve. Thank you.

Mr. Mays: Chairman.

Mr. Rashid: Yes. Is there any other further discussion?

Mr. Mays: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Rashid: Yes.

Mr. Mays: To Mr. Latimer, the \$20,000 you indicated would be for PPE ear and you said \$22,000 for hotspots, I can you explain what those acronyms stand for?

Mr. Latimer: All right. We all know those hotspots are for access to internet and proper protective equipment.

Mr. Mays: Oh, that's what I thought it was. But I thought to do something about the air condition to also to circulate air and what have you in there? So, isn't but none of this is going to was that?

Mr. Latimer: Oh yes, it is. It is to modify the facility and also to provide PPE that includes Plexiglas and some of the things like safeguards that we need to put in place when we move to phase two when patrons are coming back into the library.

Mr. Mays: Because only thing I heard from you is \$22,000 for hotspots and \$22,000 and the \$20,000 for PPE. And I thought I had heard at some point in time that you said something about the air condition circulating the air and stuff in there.

Mr. Latimer: Right The 28 is actually \$28,000 to modify the facility, we know we have issues with the air conditioning unit, which is going to give us a clean air flowing through the building, which is going to help us during this pandemic, it's real important.

Mr. Rashid: So that's just that's just grouped in as part of the PPE Is that correct?

Mr. Latimer: That's correct.

Mr. Mays: Let me ask you another question. Mr. Latimer, if you know, or either you or Mr. Cockfield, if he's online. Are there any stipulations as to how we can Use this money, or if not, is it open ended whereas we can use it on these particular items in which you have elucidated here.

Mr. Latimer: Right, the stipulation, the biggest stipulation is completing this grant within 30 days after we received the funds. I believe we received the funds last week and we're actually on a time clock to receive the quotes and come up with our budget of what we're going to do. It's really very clean of what we're going to do with the hotspot. That's the \$22,000. What we have to make the decisions on is because we have so many air conditioner units that are broken or old or needs repair, we're in the process of getting closed and prioritizing to exhaust most of those files designated to modify the facility. Then we'll come up with a list of some of the other PPE. Things that we're going to purchase. In addition to the repair on the air conditioner.

Mr. Mays: Which one is more? To me, I know the PPE is certainly important to as well as modifying, I guess the air conditioner and working on those getting those operable... I kind of lost my thought but

Mr. Latimer: It's kind of warm for us right now is because we don't have any circulating cool air in the air conditioner coming into the computer lab and also into the deputy director's office. So those will be the first quote we look at to get cost around to move for this project forward.

Mr. Mays: ...and the timeline?

Mr. Latimer: Again, we are working, and we have 30 days from last week to complete this project,

Mr. Mays: okay. All right.

Mr. Rashid: Any other questions or discussion from the members?

Ms. McClarin: No.

Mr. Mays: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adopt this resolution. Resolution 08-01-20

Ms. McClarin: They haven't read it.

Mr. Mays: Or read it into the record, I guess. Is Mr. Turner, is he going to read it? Yeah, I'm here. You're ready for the vote? No, we need you to read it into the record.

Mr. Turner: Oh, alright. Resolution 08-01-2020 to accept the grant for the greater Cleveland COVID-19 rapid response fund of \$50,000 for COVID-19 response readiness, whereas the East Cleveland Public Library's Board of Trustees hereby accepts the recommendations of the executive director and the finance committee to accept the grant for greater Cleveland COVID-19 rapid response fund of \$50,000 to COVID-19 response and readiness and whereas \$28,000 of this is to modify the facility and provide PPE to be compliant for COVID-19 safety measures. Whereas \$22,000 is to be is to purchase hotspot and digital equipment to be used by the East Cleveland Public Library's

patrons and older adults and senior facilities near the library. Be it resolved. Adoption of resolution number 08-01-2020. The acceptance of the grant from the Cleveland foundation of \$50,000 for the East Cleveland Public Library is to be use as noted receipt of the grant funds will be recorded to restricted contributions & foundation's account code 613 and grant costs will be charged to computer service And information account code 220-416 and maintenance and repairs on facilities account code 210-331

Mr. Mays: Mr. Chairman I am sponsored this resolution and move for its adoption.

Ms. Shaheed: Second. Carol Shaheed, second.

Mr. Rashid: there's been a motion and a second. Mr. Turner, would you please call the roll?

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (yes), Mr. Mays (yes), Ms. McClarin (yes), Ms. Turner (yes), Ms. Shaheed (yes), Dr. Harris (yes)

Yes – 6

Motion passes.

Mr. Mays moved and Ms. Shaheed seconds adopting Resolution 08-01-2020.

Resolution 08-01-2020 is approved.

VII. RESOLUTION 08-02-2020: TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM COMMOND GROUND FOR \$500.

Mr. Rashid: Next item on the agenda. Item number five is resolution. 08-02-2020. Do I have a sponsor?

Ms. Turner: Second

Mr. Turner: That was Turner and Mays?

Ms. Turner: Mmm-Hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Mays: O Mays. Second, yes.

Mr. Rashid: Resolution number 08-02-2020 is the acceptance of the Common Ground fund for \$500 director will you please give us an overview of this particular resolution.

Mr. Latimer: Yes, this particular fund, the Common Ground fund hosted by the Cleveland Foundation was self-initiated by Karen Murray, who works as an adult library associate. It's one of those micro grants that encourage employees to go after the money to do programming in relation to topics that we're experiencing today, including COVID-19, Black Lives Matter, etc. So, Ms. Murray, took the initiative, completed the application. We received the funds and we're going to do virtual programming around topics that are of interest to current events.

Ms. McClarin: Very good for her.

Mr. Mays: question? I guess the same thing, is there any timeline on this one or this any requirements that or what have you and the deadline for this particular resolution as well as it having a specific...

Ms. McClarin: It's in the resolution.

Mr. Latimer: Right. You'll see it in the resolution the program has to be held before October 4, 2020.

Mr. Mays: Okay, and doesn't give any specifics to how it is to be used?

Mr. Latimer: First of all, we're going to use our platform Facebook, Instagram, through social media to have these discussions if you see during the pandemic when we were closed, our staff hosted a series of programming, which went over well, with our community and Cleveland Foundation, they gave us kudos on our work in the social media platform, around library programming.

Mr. Mays: Okay. All right.

Mr. Rashid: Good. Does anybody else have any questions before we move to get a motion to approve or to accept a resolution?

Ms. McClarin: They haven't read yet.

Dr. Harris: I had a question. Marianne Harris.

Mr. Rashid: Yes. Go ahead. Dr. Harris.

Dr. Harris: What about YouTube? ...And using YouTube to record it, also anyone that wants to can just click on YouTube to view it.

Mr. Latimer: Great. Yes, that's a great option. I will bring that to the attention of our technology department. We do have a lot of content out there. And of course, it should be easy for us to transfer it to YouTube and oh, this particular project as well.

Mr. Rashid: That's great.

Dr. Harris: Thank you.

Ms. McClarin: The resolution needs to be presented

Mr. Latimer: Mr. Turner, the president would like you to read it.

Mr. Turner: Okay. The members of the East Cleveland Public Library's finance committee have met, discussed and review the following items in an open meeting on July 28, 2020. Resolution Number 08-02-2020 to accept the grant for Common Ground for \$500. Whereas the East Cleveland Public Library's Board of Trustees hereby accepts the recommendations, the executive director and the finance committee to accept the grant of \$500 from Common Ground, and whereas virtual programming must be held before October 4, 2020. And be it resolved adoption of resolution number 08-02-2020 for the acceptance of the grant from the Cleveland foundation of \$500 for the East Cleveland public library to use as noted, receipt of the grant funds will be recorded to restricted contributions Foundation's account code 613 and grant costs will be charged to computer services and information. account code 220-416.

Ms. McClarin: I move that we adopt this resolution. This is McClarin.

Mr. Mays: second O. Mays.

Mr. Rashid: There's been a motion and a second. Mr. Turner, would you please call the roll?

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (yes), Mr. Mays (yes), Ms. McClarin (yes), Ms. Turner (yes), Ms. Shaheed (yes), Dr. Harris (yes)

Ms. McClarin moved and Mr. Mays seconds adoption of Resolution 08-02-2020.

Yes – 6

Motion passes.

Resolution
08-02-2020 is
approved.

VII. RESOLUTION 08-03-2020: TO ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM MEDWISH FOR 2,500 MASKS.

Mr. Rashid: motion passed and so we can go to item number six on our agenda which is resolution. 08-03-2020

Dr. Harris: I move to sponsor resolution three

Mr. Mays: second

Mr. Turner: was that Mr. Mays.

Mr. Mays: Yes. O. Mays

Mr. Rashid: It has been sponsored, can we discuss it now?

Mr. Latimer: Okay. I was on the cover it's called Monday with staff members from United Way and the Cleveland Foundation in regard to census concerns around the low response rate, in East Cleveland. And one of the topics that came up was this organization distributing masks out to the community. So, I took the information went online and completed the application, we were accepted to receive 2,500 masks. They were picked up today, Mr. Cooper's team, they went, we have four boxes of these one-piece cloth, black masks. So very interesting. They seem to work. I did talk to the board president, on was there any designated programming or how should we distribute those

and I think what we're going to do is, once we faze back in and open the library, throughout the building patrons that don't have masks, we will give them to them one or two or if they're in a group. What we can do is so, so board members can sample and also provide outreach to individuals. We'll work with Mr. Turner to mail some of these masks out up to board members if you like, if not, if you want to come picks them up, just let us know.

Mr. Mays: Why mail them out when we can pick them up. Are you afraid of us come into the library, we're not going to bring the Corona.

Mr. Latimer: We're still in a pandemic.

Mr. Mays: If the employees are there, so what, we only meet once a month or whatever. So, we're not going to bring it. So, you can come from under the bed.

Mr. Rashid: One of the things that I wanted, I wanted to interject here is that, during my conversation with Carlos about these masks my thinking. And, you know, I would like to get input from the board in terms of how you guys think about it as well. But I'm thinking that once we have the ability to expand what we're doing now in terms of our opening an operation, there will be people that will come to the place that won't have masks, you're right. The supply could be best at least guarantee us that we have the ability to offer a mask to people that they can use to protect our employees and to protect ourselves. I'm not really keen on us handing them out to other people like we other equipment that we got because I want to make sure that we have an adequate supply because we don't know how long this stuff is going to last. And I mean speak speaking of the, the virus, so at least we know we have adequate supply to put ourselves I mean, if we each want to get, you know, get a couple of something like that, but I don't think that this, we should take these and distribute those like we did the other stuff that we received. So, I like to feedback from the rest of the team. I mean, the rest of our, you know, the rest of the Board of Trustees as to how you feel about it.

Mr. Mays: This is O. Mays, I second, which you indicated, particularly to here, so I support that because we will have people coming in it doesn't have a mask. And so, if we have them, we can offer it to them if they don't want to accept it and put it on and you cannot enter the library. As simple as that

Ms. McClarin: This is McClarin. So just to add on to what the president said, Mr. Carlos. My recommendation would be if the take don't pass the masks out uncovered, I would take the mass and put them in a baggie a plastic baggie and then you can have it to the patrons like that? Also, a lot of our students that come through for lunch, they don't have a mask, or they might need masks for their family. So that's another way that you could serve our community and get the masks out. That way all our students would have one that comes to the library.

Ms. Shaheed: I have a comment, you have to be careful how many masks you pass out at one time because I saw people selling masks and they were selling for \$1 apiece. So you know, I can understand you the need this for the families and individuals, but you have to be very much aware that people are going to use this as a means of making money if they can get as many as they can.

Mr. Rashid: That's why my thinking was for people who are actually going to be in the library. Because then that way we can you know, and just give one to the individual that is actually going to be in the library. We know that they're going to be you know moving around in that environment because of that, and see because I don't, I don't even know how long 2500 masks will actually last, you know, close to. So but at least we know for that period of time anybody who is in the library for any extended period of time will have to have on a mask and if they don't have one, we can at least supply these until they run out.

Ms. Shaheed: I have another question, this is Carol. Are these masks just regular paper masks? What type of masks are they?

Mr. Latimer: They're cloth they're more like face coverings. The dimensions are that of masks but they're not technically masks. They're more of a cloth face covering that wraps around the ears.

Mr. Rashid: Do you do you feel comfortable with somebody talking to you wearing one?

Ms. Shaheed: People do they know they can wash them and keep using them or they you know you dispose of them as you go along.

Mr. Latimer: They seem to be washable. I'll try one on today it worked for me. It's actually better than other masks because you can breathe out of these.

Ms. Shaheed: Okay.

Mr. Rashid: That's why I asked the question. Do you feel comfortable with someone talking to you with them wearing one and you have one on? Well, I'm going to maintain my social distancing too. So. ...Regardless of what kind of mask they have on. Any further discussion needed?

Dr. Harris: No.

Mr. Rashid: Can we get a motion?

Dr. Harris: I move to accept the resolution three.

Mr. Mays: Yes, I second.

Mr. Latimer: It has been moved and second. Mr. Turner, would you please call the roll?

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (yes), Mr. Mays (yes), Ms. McClarin (yes), Ms. Turner (yes), Ms. Shaheed (yes), Dr. Harris (yes)

Yes – 6

Dr. Harris
moved and
Mr. Mays
seconds
adoption of
Resolution 08-
03-2020.

Motion passes.

Resolution
08-03-2020 is
approved.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION.

Mr. Rashid: All right. So, motion carries. The next item on our agenda now would be the item number seven. That's audience participation. Are there any members of the audience that would like to speak at this time?

Mr. Mays: Yes. Oh, you said audience.

VIII. RESUMING IN-PERSON MEETINGS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Mr. Rashid: Audience Yes. Hearing none, can we now move to the discussion that Mr. Mays brought up earlier? Regarding meeting in person? Would that be appropriate for everybody to discuss it now before we adjourn?

I'm sorry. I thought I heard Ms. McClarin.

Ms. McClarin: I said, that's fine with me.

Mr. Rashid: Okay. Yes, yes, ma'am. In fact, please. You can start the discussion right now.

Ms. McClarin: Okay, thank you. I'm always willing to start the discussion. I said before I say that again. I am not in agreement with coming out in person and holding meetings at this time. I think that what we want we're covering according to the document from the state of Ohio. That our director sent to us. We read it. We're under, you know, we're under proper guidelines, we're handling proper business. And because we don't know the way this virus is

fluctuating, Mr. Mays himself reported that he just hurt six more cases in the city of East Cleveland. You know with people catching the COVID virus, so I don't see why we need to try to rush in to come and meet in person. So that's what I'm saying.

Ms. Shaheed: We can be online instead of being in the building, because we still communicate with one another and the only thing missing... Can you hear me?

Ms. Turner: Yeah, yeah.

Ms. Shaheed: Well, I don't understand why we have to be in a building to be productive when we're doing the meetings and we seem to be okay. In fact, some people are having made a decision when this is over with to get rid of certain real estate certain companies. I know you've heard that because if people are more productive online, they get to the point and move on. I know eventually we have to have audience participation. But right now, I don't think it's necessary to actually meet in person if you're just as productive online.

Mr. Rashid: Can we hear from the Director?

Mr. Latimer: Okay, this is Carlos. There is a health order that was extended. That requires anything of a mass gathering of more than 10 people have to be disrupted or stopped. So that health order is still in play.

Mr. Mays: Thank you, Mr. Carlos, because I was just getting ready to say this is only speaking the law says no more than 10 and then if it's a church or a place to say that can have the social distance can be more than that, that is the law right now as it stands. So, it only 10 of us and you know, no one else. Well, when I say 10 of us and 10 people, but that's seven board members and three administrative staff, or maybe four, and we have that facility to accommodate the meetings. What, and then there's the social distance. Secondly, hiding behind we do things here that that's not accessible basically to the public, which is a kind of a violation or whatever. Because everything we do should be transparent. And what have you. We don't know what's going on. I mean, the public doesn't know what's going on. We are doing this, and we are voting online.

Ms. McClarin: You're saying what we're doing is not legal. Do you here what you're saying? I know what I said. Ms. McClarin, I didn't interrupt you when you were speaking. Please extend the same courteous to me, please. Thank you.

Mr. Rashid: Please, please hold on, hold on, hold on. I got to just step in for a moment. Each of us will have an opportunity to respond because I also want to respond to that comment. Because I think it's important for us to respond to that for not just the purpose of this meeting, but also for legal clarification for anybody who may be listening in and have not. And don't understand what's going on. But you have a right to say what you want to say, Mr. Mays, then the next person should be on the floor. And I don't want this to be a long, long, long; I just want each person to say how they feel about it. Because ultimately, what's going to happen is that unless the entire board agrees to meet, we're not going to meet because half of us can't be in virtual world and the other half sitting there. So, it's going to take a unanimous consent from this entire board for us to ever go back into that building in meet. So anything else that we're talking about is each individual's feelings about it, and unless we have the entire board of trustees agreed to meet in person, we are still going to just continue virtually working, because from what I see here, looking at the fact that this meeting has been posted. So, anybody from the public that wanted to attend, still has the ability to attend. And so, we're not doing anything in in secret. We're not doing anything undercover. We're totally transparent and anybody that wants to dial in the access code and the dial in number is right here on this document, so if you can finish Mr. Mays, but after that, then I'd like to hear from the rest of the board. So, you want to move forward, Mr. Mays?

Mr. Mays: As I was saying before I was so... and I'll put it this way rudely interrupt it. As I said, we must be transparent and if other entities can meet. We have the space if the employees are there. They are there. What prevents us from doing our job and being there we have the space if there were something different if we didn't have the space? No, I'm not rushing to get back in anything but I'm rushing, I mean not rushing, I feel that we should meet publicly and discuss whatever we have to discuss in reference to the library. Secondly, if the employees can come and it's far more of them then it is us that there now they are coming and some of us hide behind this this pandemic that we're facing yes, it is challenging. If we do this, as the scientists and as the doctors and the health professionals has articulated, stand, the distance, social distance 6-feet apart.

Mr. Rashid: Okay, Mr. Mays, I want to interrupt you here because I get your point, and I think everybody else does.

Mr. Mays: I don't know what they do or not but anyway,

Mr. Rashid: I think they do.

Okay, so far, we've heard from Miss Shaheed, we've heard from Miss McClarin we heard from Mr. Mays. Ms. Turner, do you have comments?

Ms. Turner: I do. I think that at this point until the library is open with the given data. We made an agreement to follow the orange, yellow, red, purple things with that the state is put out in our last meeting, it seems to me and we are currently in an emergency situation. Until that changes and until we can open the library up and it is reasonable. According to the way the health department has set it up. It does not make sense for us. I mean, like, we are essentially saying that our physical presence in that building is more important than what the Health Department says. And I don't think that that's something that I can support. So, I would say that the standards that we need to use is when it is reasonable for us to gather according to the health department, we should until such time we should continue to use these legal means, I mean, we are we have been putting the information out and the staff has been diligent about that. In terms of being able to sign in, you know, people being able to, to use technology to do this the state, the state legislation has given us until the first of the year to do this regardless of level. But in terms of an organization, we should follow what our local health department says, and they are not in support people gathering regardless.

Mr. Rashid: Okay. Dr. Harris... Sorry, I'm sorry, Ms. Turner.

Ms. Turner: Oh, no problem. I was done. I'm done. I've said everything I had to say.

Mr. Rashid: Thank you very much. Dr. Harris?

Dr. Harris: virtual meeting for me is the best. Thank you.

Mr. Rashid: That's pretty direct.

Mr. Mays: What did she say?

Dr. Harris: I think we should continue to meet by the virtual meetings. Thank you.

Mr. Rashid: Did Mr. Silvera. Join us? Did I leave anybody out? Who wanted to speak?

Mr. Latimer: This is the Director. I wanted to just comment that we are following Ohio's open meeting act that was amended House Bill 197, which will allow us under this declared emergency to continue with public meetings. Virtually.

Mr. Rashid: Mr. Director, I'm sorry. Director Latimer, I think that clarifies in the least number of words, whether we are interacting legally. And I think that's an important point to be distinguished in this Congress in this conversation. So is there any other discussion, because I think that as a group, we're hearing that the only person at this point that really wants to meet in person is Mr. Mays, and I understand what you're saying. But at the same time, I'm not willing to risk my life, for something that we could do in a different way in every time you go out into the street, doing anything. You are putting yourself at risk. It is just about how much risk you are willing to take. And I totally understand the point of view from everybody who has spoken, including yours, Mr. Mays, but I think at this time, we should stick to the virtual meetings until we see a much different type of environment for us to meet in. Those are my thoughts,

Mr. Mays: what troubles me with this, when we've got employees working and putting their lives on the line, or what have you and their families, we got the library open, the library is open? It's not closed, and so therefore, we supposed to sit at the head of the hammer and make the policies and procedures here and then we can't come to the library and be socially distant.

Mr. Rashid: I understand what you're saying, but I put my life on the line every day. Let me this way, I work at RTA, which is a public transportation system. Every day I leave out of here, I put my life on the line. I don't want to add something else, in addition to what I'm already dealing with, when they come to work; they understand the amount of risk that's involved with their job. Just like I understand mine, it is up to you to decide when you want to come out. You could quit or you can do something different. But right now, we would be adding additional threats to them. Because if the public starts to come in, turn out for these meetings, that's more exposure over and above what they're normally experiencing right now. And based on the way that this virus is moving around, and the uncertainty about how people contract it, which has it, which doesn't which is no fault of ours is just it is what it is. I personally feel the more we limit the amount of exposure as an individual as a person. The better off I'm going to be because it's enough going to work and coming home and being able to know that I'm not jeopardizing my loved ones but to add anything else. I just don't want to do it right now.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mays: If there's no further matters Mister Chairman I moved that this meeting is closed

Ms. McClarin: I second.

Mr. Rashid: It's been moved and second. Do we need to vote?

Mr. Mays: Yes, yeah.

Mr. Rashid: Mr. Turner would you please call the roll?

Discussion: None

Mr. Mays moved and Dr. Harris seconds adjournment.

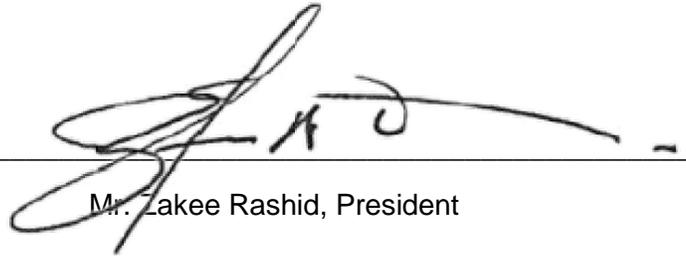
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (yes), Mr. Mays (yes), Ms. McClarin (yes), Ms. Turner (yes), Ms. Shaheed (yes), Dr. Harris (yes)

Yes – 6

Motion passes.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm)

Meeting is
adjourned.



Mr. Lakee Rashid, President

Pamela McClarin, Secretary