



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, March 27, 2023  
By Teleconference**

**4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

Present: Steve Bacon, Rachel Goldberg, Betsy Paterson, Diana Pelletier, Ron Schurin, and Sean Vasington

Absent: Chair Frank Gifford, Kyle Muncy

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

**1. Call to Order**

Ron Schurin served as chair for this meeting and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of February 27, 2023 Minutes**

Betsy Paterson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023. Steve Bacon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sean Vasington and Rachel Goldberg joined the meeting at this point.

**4. Appointment of Committee Member**

Cynthia van Zelm said a nomination form is included in the packet for Jocelyn Santiago, from Youth Services, for the Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee.

Ms. Paterson made a motion to approve the recommendation of Jocelyn Santiago for membership on the Celebrate Mansfield Festival Committee. Diana Pelletier seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Partnership Board will vote to approve her nomination at their April 3 meeting.

**5. Discussion of Annual Meeting/Social Event for Downtown Businesses – Location, Speaker, Confirm Date and Time (currently scheduled for June 7)**

Ms. van Zelm said Committee Chair Frank Gifford had suggested the Nafe Katter Theatre as a possible location for the Annual Meeting, with Connecticut Repertory Theatre Managing Director Michelle Polgar



as a possible speaker. The downtown businesses have been invited to the last few Annual Meetings, but the idea of holding a larger social event for them after this year's meeting has been discussed. The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 7.

Committee members expressed support for holding the meeting at the Katter. They discussed options for parking and whether there would be space in the building for refreshments for a social. Several possible backup locations for the meeting were discussed as well.

The Committee approved the possibility of holding the meeting at the Nafe Katter Theatre by consensus. Ms. van Zelm said she would reach out to Ms. Polgar.

## **6. Review Board Member and Officer Positions**

Ms. van Zelm said Mr. Gifford will step down from the Board when his current term ends on June 30, and UConn will appoint a member to replace him. A new Chair of the Governance Committee will need to be appointed, most likely at the special meeting following the Annual Meeting; a new slate of Board officers will also be discussed as Mr. Gifford is currently Secretary.

## **7. Adjourn**

Ms. Paterson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Pelletier seconded the motion.

The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Joshua Stern*