



# **LEWES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Executive Session**

**Thursday, May 19, 2016**

Attending the meeting were Board Members Ned Butera, Beckie Healey, Hugh Leahy, Barbara Vaughan, and Chanta Wilkinson; also attending were Board Emeritus Dennis Forney; and LPL Director Ed Goyda.

Meeting called to order by Board Chairwoman Beckie Healey at 4:00 p.m.

Extensive discussion ensued surrounding the Naming Agreement LPL is being requested to execute with the City of Lewes and Ma-Ran Foundation, a current major donor of the LPL Capital Campaign, which has promised another major gift in connection with naming rights.

A focus of discussion centered around the 'Violations' clause (paragraph 3 of the agreement), which places LPL at risk to return grant funds with interest should the City violate the terms of the agreement. Extensive discussion ensued regarding future scenarios that could put the LPL at risk, including not only violations of the City lease with the Lewes Historical Society during its term, but also the possibility of the LHS inability to perform under its lease obligations to the City.

After discussion, it was agreed that:

- The likelihood of unresolvable violations triggering this clause was remote.
- The LPL could likely resolve any naming issues itself even if the City should violate the agreement. This would include the option of naming the new Lewes Public Library building the "Margaret Rollins Community Center at the Lewes Public Library," "The Lewes Public Library at the Margaret Rollins Community Center," or another name the Ma-Ran Foundation would deem appropriate.
- The Ma-Ran Foundation could opt not to enforce this clause in any future period should the

City violate the agreement.

These unlikely future scenarios were weighed against the certainty of a \$1 million gift to the capital campaign and the Board agreed the most prudent path forward was to execute the agreement as drafted. As such, the Board agreed to have Chairwoman Beckie Healey sign the Naming Agreement as presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Chanta Wilkinson  
Secretary