

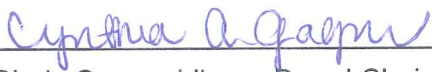
Provo City Library Board of Directors
Chair's Statement re: Open and Public Meetings Act

In accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207(4)* I have determined that conducting meetings of the Library Board with an anchor location, such as the Provo City Library Board room, presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present there. These are the facts upon which I have made this determination:

- Utah has been in a declared state of emergency due to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) since March 6, 2020, a disease outbreak which the World Health Organization has characterized as a pandemic.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state that COVID-19 is easily spread from person to person between people who are in close contact with one another. The spread is through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and it may be spread by people who are non- symptomatic.
- Federal, state, and local authorities have recommended that individuals limit public gatherings, wear facemasks, and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Notwithstanding that Utah generally, and Utah County specifically, have been moved to the Low Risk (Yellow) Phase, reported COVID-19 cases in Provo continue to rise at a high rate (>100 cases per day, 14-day average).
- Physical distancing measures will be difficult to set up and maintain in the Provo City Library Board room.

Therefore, for the next 30 days, all meetings of the Library Board will be conducted entirely via electronic means:

- Meetings are broadcast live and available later on demand at <http://www.youtube.com/user/provocitylibrary/videos>
- Agendas are available at <https://www.provolibrary.com/library-board>
- To make a public comment or to join a meeting via telephone, follow the instructions provided on public notices of each meeting.
- To send comments to the Board or weigh in on current issues, email the Board at libraryboard@provolibrary.org.



Cindy Gagon, Library Board Chair, September 8, 2020

* As amended by HB5002, *Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments*, (2020 Fifth Special Session), Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 52-4-207(4) provides that a public body may convene and conduct an electronic meeting without an anchor location if the chair of the public body:

- (a) makes a written determination that conducting the meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location;
- (b) states in the written determination described in Subsection (4)(a) the facts upon which the determination is based;
- (c) includes in the public notice for the meeting, and reads at the beginning of the meeting, the information described in Subsections (4)(a) and (b); and
- (d) includes in the public notice information on how a member of the public may view or make a comment at the meeting.

UCA 52-4-207(5) states that a written determination described in Subsections (4)(a) and (b) expires 30 days after the day on which the chair of the public body makes the determination.

<https://le.utah.gov/~2020S5/bills/static/HB5002.html>