

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

March 15, 2022

**RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO DEVELOP MEDIA CENTER IN
THE LOUIS STOKES WING**

WHEREAS, Since May 2021, the Cleveland Public Library has been in discussions with the CREW Foundation (“CREW”), a non-profit Cleveland-based organization, regarding the possibility of developing a media center in partnership with the Library where patrons can learn new skills to position them for careers in the film and media industries; and

WHEREAS, CREW, which stands for “Creating Real Entertainment Workforce,” has a mission of creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive film, television and digital media production industry, which it strives to accomplish by expanding the existing media production workforce through diverse, equitable and inclusive skill development and training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, CREW desires to work with the Cleveland Public Library to develop a media center in the Louis Stokes Wing to provide scholars, strivers, and seniors with the opportunity to enhance or build new career skills, increase high school graduation rates while exposing students to sustainable career opportunities in media production, and create pathways for patrons into the film and media industries; and

WHEREAS, The Library requests authority to explore issues relating to creating and operating a media center in the Louis Stokes Wing including, but not limited to, renovation of space, purchasing equipment, programming, logistics, staffing, and feasibility; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library hereby authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee to explore the issues related to creating and operating a media center in the Louis Stokes Wing in partnership with the CREW Foundation as described in this Resolution and to execute such agreements or instruments as are necessary to effectuate this Resolution, which agreement or instruments shall be subject to the approval of the Library’s Director of Legal Affairs.