

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

October 22, 2019

**RESOLUTION TO REVISE AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES FOR A PROPER
PUBLIC PURPOSE**

- WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3375.40 states that a Library Board of Trustees has authority to “[e]xpend for library purposes, and in the exercise of the power enumerated in this section, all moneys, whether derived from the county public library fund or otherwise, credited to the free public library under its jurisdiction and generally do all things it considers necessary for the establishment, maintenance, and improvement of the free public library under its jurisdiction;” and
- WHEREAS, 1982 Ohio Attorney General Opinion No. 82-006 states that a governing public body may expend public funds to purchase refreshments and other amenities and that the decision to do so must be “memorialized by a duly enacted ordinance or resolution and may have prospective effect only;” and
- WHEREAS, In December 2011, the Library Board adopted a resolution declaring the expenditure of public funds to provide refreshments and other amenities at Library programs for the public to be a proper and necessary public purpose; and
- WHEREAS, The Library also sponsors professional conferences, in-service days and meetings for the purpose of advancing Library business, and desires on occasion to provide food, beverages (non-alcoholic), and amenities to participants in the conferences, in-service days and meetings, including Library employees. These amenities will be kept to a minimum and Library Administration will do their due diligence to find food and beverages that are affordable in nature; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees declares the expenditure of funds to provide food, beverages (non-alcoholic), and other amenities to Library employees and participants in professional conferences, in-service days and meetings to also be a proper public purpose and authorizes the Library’s Fiscal Officer to expend moneys on occasion for these purposes.