

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

November 17, 2015

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE LEASE FOR THE  
TEMPORARY SOUTH BRANCH OF THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, On August 23, 2012, the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library authorized the Library to enter into a lease of space at 2704 Clark Avenue for the temporary relocation of the South Branch, for a term of up to three years at a rental rate of \$2,500 per month. This lease will expire on January 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2015, this Board accepted the recommendations of Kent State's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative regarding reopening the original South Branch on Scranton Road. The Board further authorized the Library to proceed with the next steps to effectuate repairs and improvements to the building; and

WHEREAS, The Library's staff has commenced work on preparing requests for qualifications and proposals for an architect and engineer, and has also prepared an estimated schedule for the project, which indicates that the work on the building may take one to two years; and

WHEREAS, The owner of the building on Clark Avenue, Gerald E. Zahler, has offered to renew the lease of the space to the Library for up to two additional years at a rental rate of \$2,550.00 per month, gross, plus utilities and other related expenses, for a first year's estimated rental of \$30,600.00; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director requests the authority to renew a lease with the building owner based upon the rental amount stated above, upon the same terms and conditions of the existing lease, for up to two additional years; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Board authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, to negotiate and execute a renewal of the lease for space in the building located at 2704 Clark Avenue with the owner, Gerald E. Zahler, for the rental amount of \$2,550 per month, gross, plus utilities and other related expenses, for a first year's estimated rental of \$30,600.00, for a term of up to two years, to be charged to the General Fund Account No. 17830053-53510, which renewal shall be subject to approval of the Chief Legal Officer.