

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

April 16, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE 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, On September 13, 2022, the Board of Library Trustees authorized the Library to contract with Ubiquitous Design, Ltd. for the design of a new staff breakroom in the Main Library, and on March 21, 2024, this Board ratified the Library’s agreement with Rycon Construction, Inc. for the construction of the new breakroom on the lower level of the Main Library; and
- WHEREAS, Ubiquitous Design’s plans for the new breakroom include a modest exercise room measuring approximately 260 square feet in area, which the Library estimates is enough space to accommodate a stair climber, treadmill, stationary bicycle, multifunction trainer, and a rack for hand-held weights; and
- WHEREAS, The Library would like to expend public funds to construct, equip, and maintain a staff exercise area within the new breakroom as the Library Administration believes that such an amenity will benefit the Library and public alike by promoting the health and wellbeing of Library staff; and
- WHEREAS, The use of Library funds to promote this plan requires that the expenditures that the Library makes be for a “proper public purpose”; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library declares the expenditure of funds to construct, equip, and maintain a staff exercise area within the new staff breakroom to be a proper public purpose and authorizes the Library’s Fiscal Officer to expend moneys on occasion for these purposes.