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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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August 18, 2017

Mr. Randy Brooks
President, Board of Trustees
Atlanta Public Library
100 Race Street
Atlanta, Illinois 61723

RE: OMA Request for Review – 2017 PAC 49174
Requester: Mr. John Kraft, on behalf of IllinoisLeaks.com

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Public Access Bureau has received the enclosed Request for Review under section 3.5(a) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) (5 ILCS 120/3.5(a) (West 2016)) from Mr. John Kraft alleging that the Atlanta Public Library District Board of Trustees (Board) potentially violated OMA in connection with its August 10, 2017 meeting. Specifically, Mr. Kraft alleges that the Board improperly took final action by holding votes on items of public business without first publicly reciting the nature of the matters being considered and other information that would have informed the public of the business being conducted. We have determined that further action is warranted.

In order to evaluate this matter, we request that the Board or its representative respond in writing to Mr. Kraft's allegation that the Board failed to make a proper public recital before its votes during its August 10, 2017, meeting.¹ Please also provide copies of the meeting agenda and open session minutes (in draft form for this office's confidential review if necessary).

As required by section 3.5(b) of OMA (5 ILCS 120/3.5(b) (West 2016)), please provide this information to our office within 7 working days after receipt of this letter. As we conduct our review of this matter, we will notify you if we need to review additional records or information. Please note that under the Act, we are required to forward a copy of any response from a public body to the requestor and provide the requester an

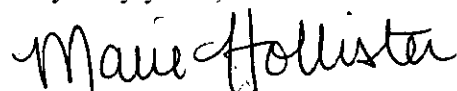
¹Section 2(e) of OMA (5 ILCS 120/2(e) (West 2016)) provides: "No final action may be taken at a closed meeting. Final action shall be preceded by a public recital of the nature of the matter being considered and other information that will inform the public of the business being conducted. "

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opportunity to reply. 5 ILCS 120/3.5(c) (West 2016). The Act also permits a public body to provide a redacted version of any response for release to the requester. If you believe that other documents or information would be helpful to us as we review the issues, you may submit additional records or affidavits.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (312) 793-0865 or the Chicago address above.

Very truly yours,



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Public Access Bureau

Enclosure

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