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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 19th, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Browne, President
India Williams
Michelle Smirnova
Billie Howard Barnes
Susie Kenney
Claudia Oñate Greim

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Denesha Snell
Laura Dominik
Jonathan Kemper

STAFF PRESENT: Jensen Adams, Energy & Sustainability Officer
Jessica Addo, Purchasing Manager
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Brianna Daniels, Administrative Officer
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth and Family Engagement
Kim Gile, Community Specialists Leader
John Herron, Chief Executive
Jerry Houchins, Director of Building Operations
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Mary Olive Joyce, Director of Library Outreach & Community
Engagement
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Beccah Rendall, Library VISTA Project Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Anthony Trakas, Finance Manager
Jennifer Tufts, Community Engagement Project Manager
Karen Weitzel, Chief People Officer
Steve Woolfolk, Director of Programming & Marketing

Browne called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

Motion by Barnes to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 Regular Board meeting and the April 1, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting. Second by Williams. Approved unanimously.

(Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Motion by Greim to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Barnes. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for March 2022: Payroll (3/10/22 net cash \$288,801 plus taxes \$106,702) and (3/24/22 net cash \$290,057 plus taxes \$107,313) total amount of \$792,873; General Expense Payments including Checks (#7607-7826), in the amount of \$1,170,232. (LBM 4545)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for March 2022 (LBM 4546)

Motion by Barnes to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with Vicinity for the extension of a chilled water service line and chilled water service to the Central Branch at an initial annual cost not to exceed \$122,800, with a contract term of ten-years and two five-year renewals. Second by Greim. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4547)

Herron introduced Jensen Adams, Energy & Sustainability Officer. Jensen presented on the ALA Task Force on United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and how they can be a core value of librarianship. He summarized the Library's involvement in hosting a delegation from the European Union's International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) and local community partners for a discussion that included the role of libraries in climate change and practices to adopt. In the last year, the Library has partnered with the City Manager's Office of Environmental Quality to provide patrons with physical copies of drafts of the city's Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan and with KC Can Compost to provide Green Core Training, as well as lunch and learn events with the Linda Hall Library and a signature event, *Climate Courage* with author Andreas Karelak. Adams explained a new program that was created with the partnership of Everygy to provide power check devices for patrons to check out and measure how much power their devices at home are consuming. The Library is also partnering with KC Digital Drive for patrons to check out air quality monitoring devices.

Herron noted that the Director's Report (LBM 4548) was available for the Board to review. Herron gave a brief report on the Public Library Association Conference, which Herron and other staff attended in Portland, Oregon. He particularly noted the sessions and resources related to Board relationships and discussed development and relationship-building opportunities for the Library and the Board of Trustees.

Coogan updated the Board on recent and upcoming in-person special events, including the Big Read activities. Woolfolk spoke on the success of the Library's partnership with the Kansas City Repertory Theatre and the performances of *The Royale* hosted at three of the Library's branches.

Motion by Greim to adjourn. Second by Barnes. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Secretary

Date