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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 20, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Central Library, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO. 64105

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Browne, President
Claudia Oñate Greim
Laura Dominik
Jonathan Kemper
Susie Kenney
Denesha Snell
India Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Billie Howard Barnes
Michelle Smirnova

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jensen Adams, Energy and Sustainability Officer
Courtney Christensen, Philanthropy Department Administrator &
Project Specialist
Brianna Daniels, Administrative Officer
Michael Daley, AV Supervisor
Crystal Faris, Deputy Director of Youth and Family Engagement
Angela Fencl, Director of Finance
Kim Gile, Branch Services & Engagement Director
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Beccah Rendall, AmeriCorps Programs 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

Browne called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

No changes were made to the Board Calendar for calendar year 2023. (LBM 4596) **Motion by Snell to affirm the Board Calendar. Second by Dominik. 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 Kemper to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 Operations Committee meeting, November 15, 2022 Regular Board meeting, and December 6, 2022 Special Board Meeting. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Snell to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Dominik. 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 November 2022: Payroll (11/7/22 net cash \$307,059 plus taxes \$109,980) and (11/17/22 net cash \$307,611 plus taxes \$108,874) total amount of \$833,524; General Expense Payments including Checks (#9415-9604), in the amount of \$2,140,965. (LBM 4597)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for November 2022. (LBM 4598)

Perkins-McGuinness and Faris provided an overview of the Library's plans for the 150th anniversary celebration, which will begin in December of 2023. Perkins-McGuinness shared the tentative plan for each quarter during the yearlong celebration, including a commemorative library card, library history book release and reception, a partnership with Charlie Hustle, branch birthday parties, and a fundraising gala. Faris shared some of the promotional opportunities and partnerships the Library hopes to include as part of celebrating the 150th anniversary. Several Trustees expressed interest in joining one or more stakeholder committees and discussed setting up a special meeting for further discussion.

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board (LBM 4599) and provided an update on the Speak Up for Libraries campaign that the Library put together in response to the Secretary of State's proposed Administrative Rule. Herron highlighted that 98 applicants from 39 countries became U.S. citizens during the 9th Naturalization Ceremony hosted by RISE at the Central Library.

Motion by Snell to adjourn. Second by Williams. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Secretary

Date