

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting – January 11, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. online.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Billie Howard Barnes  
Susie Kenney  
Michelle Smirnova

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive  
Brianna Daniels, Administrative Officer  
Courtney Christensen, Philanthropy Department Administrator &  
Project Specialist  
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director of Public Affairs & Community  
Engagement  
Kim Gile, Community Specialists Leader  
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive  
Services  
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy  
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer

Browne called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Perkins-McGuinness gave a brief review of the plans for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The group discussed the timeline for events and activities, plans for stakeholder involvement, clarification of goals and metrics, and plans for tie-ins to the Library's rebranding and strategic initiatives which will be underway at the same time.

Discussing ideas for creating a big splash during the actual anniversary week in December 2023, Browne suggested a community luncheon with a proclamation from Mayor Lucas or Congressman Cleaver. Kemper suggested asking Crosby Kemper III for recommendations for a keynote speaker to highlight the civilizational role of libraries.

Discussing goals and metrics, Oñate-Greim suggested that one of the goals should be to increase patronship and focus on informing the community on the resources the Library offers. Snell asked

what the Library hopes to measure and would view as an accomplishment after the 150 year celebration.

The meeting concluded at 4:56 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date