

COMMITTEE NOTES

Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws Meeting Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees February 20, 2024

The Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Dominik (Chair)
Pete Browne
Claudia Oñate Greim
Jonathan Kemper

STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Siragusa, Interim Chief Executive
Sharla Harris, Administrative Officer
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive Services

Dominik called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that Missouri State Statutes should be cited where appropriate rather than incorporating the statute language into the revised Bylaws. Kemper recommended that a version of the revised Bylaws be produced which includes the language from the cited statutes for the purposes of orientation of new Trustees.

Discussing the statute governing the appointment and terms of board members, 182.707 RsMO, Dominik recommended that the Library's process for reappointment or new appointment of board members be added to the revised Bylaws. Siragusa agreed to redraft section two of the Bylaws and send the proposed revisions to Dominik for review in advance of the next Committee meeting.

Dominik shared results from the survey to gather Board input on potential revisions to officer terms, limits, and selection process, including:

- A majority of Trustees recommend that officer terms be changed to two years.
- A majority of Trustees recommend that officers be allowed to serve for two consecutive terms.

Dominik will incorporate the recommended changes from the survey into the draft revised Bylaws for review at the next Committee meeting.

Discussing the responsibilities of the Board Treasurer and Finance and Audit Committee, Siragusa agreed to request from the Library's auditors their recommendations of current best practices for check signatory practices and board review Chief Executive expenses.

The next Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws meeting will be scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on April 16, 2024.

With all scheduled business completed, Dominik adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Laura Dominik, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws

Date