

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 20, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. online.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Claudia Oñate Greim
Laura Dominik
Pete Browne
Billie Howard Barnes
Michelle Smirnova
Denesha Snell
India Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Susie Kenney

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jensen Adams, Energy and Sustainability Officer
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Amanda Barnhart, North-East Branch Manager
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Amy Brost, Manager of Special Projects
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Kim Gile, Community Reference Manager
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
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Sterling
Leigh Ann Massey

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

Motion by Browne to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Regular Board meeting and April 1, 2021 Building Oversight Committee meeting. 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.)

Oñate Greim reported on the April 1st Building Oversight Committee meeting.

Motion by Howard Barnes 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 March 2021: Payroll (03/25/21 net cash \$249,067 plus taxes \$94,249) and (04/08/21 net cash \$251,886 plus taxes \$93,924) total amount of \$689,126; General Expense Payments including Checks (#5232-5387), in the amount of \$1,303,687. (LBM 4478)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for March 2021. (LBM 4479)

Kemper introduced new board member: Michelle Smirnova.

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with Tech Logic Corporation ("Tech Logic") for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of automated materials handling ("AMH") equipment for the Mobile Services site at a cost not to exceed \$65,000. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4480)

Motion by Browne to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the purchase of computers and peripherals from Dell EMC ("Dell") at an amount not to exceed \$81,000. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4481)

Herron introduced Kim Gile, Community Reference Manager, who discussed how the community reference team is connecting people in our community to each other and to information, so that our community is empowered to thrive. Gile announced the team's newest addition, Miranda Pratt, will soon join the library as the first Wikipedian in Residence for any U.S. public library. In their first year the team conducted 424 patron consultations, answered 587 questions, offered 283 office hours, and 254 programs.

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board and welcomed Smirnova. (LBM 4482) **Motion by Howard Barnes to approve a Proclamation thanking the Library's staff and Friends of the Library in honor of National Library Week. Second by Dominik. Approved Unanimously.** Herron described the factors under consideration as the Library branches prepare to more fully open on June 1. Herron noted that a new member

board orientation will be scheduled soon. The board expressed thanks for the tours of the newly renovated North-East Branch.

Motion by Dominik to adjourn. Second by Browne. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Secretary

Date