

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – August 30, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Laura Dominik
Pete Browne
Michelle Smirnova
Denisha Snell
India Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Claudia Oñate Greim
Billie Howard Barnes
Susie Kenney

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jensen Adams, Energy and Sustainability Officer
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Amanda Barnhart, North-East Branch Manager
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Amy Brost, Manager of Special Projects
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth and Family Engagement
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Mary Olive Joyce, Director of Library Outreach & Community
Engagement
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
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Steve Wieberg, Writer / Copy Editor

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Holman
Kelsey Darnell
Mike Brown
Logan Belt

Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Motion by Dominik to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Regular Board meeting. Second by Snell. 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 Snell to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Browne. 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 July 2021: Payroll (07/15/21 net cash \$270,376 plus taxes \$102,292) and (07/29/21 net cash \$280,354 plus taxes \$104,475) and (8/12/21 net cash \$269,347 plus taxes \$99,323) total amount of \$1,126,167; General Expense Payments including Checks (#5949-6282), in the amount of \$2,214,715. (LBM 4501)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for July 2021. (LBM 4502)

Motion by Browne to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to re-affirm Library Board Policy 004 (Code of Ethics). Second by Snell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4503)

Herron and Siragusa discussed the history of The Kansas City Public Library Foundation and the desire to restart the Foundation Board as part of the Library's philanthropy efforts.

Motion by Snell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to appoint Pete Browne to The Kansas City Public Library Foundation as representative member from the Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library. Second by Williams. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4504)

Siragusa introduced Holman and Darnell of BKD, LLP. Holman presented a summary of the audit results noting that BKD anticipates issuing a clean, unmodified opinion on the final financial statements. Darnell mentioned the Library adopted two new standards this year GASB 83 Certain Asset Retirement Obligations and GASB 84 Fiduciary Activities.

Herron introduced Mike Brown from Brainzooming. Brown presented an overview of the timeline and discussed the desire to set a transformative aspiration as well as the results of the employee outreach survey. Future plans including engagement with advisory teams, underserved audiences, and an online collaboration with the Board.

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4505) Herron discussed the delay in resuming in-person public events due to COVID-19.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Secretary

Date