

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 14, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. online.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Michelle Smirnova

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
Jennifer Combs, Library Collections Associate
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth and Family Engagement
Jenny Garmon, Legal & Government Information Specialist
Kim Gile, Community Specialists Leader
Lisa Gooden, Senior Collection Development Specialist, Youth
Specialist
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Brad Krohe, Books to go Coordinator
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Amy Morris, Ruiz Branch Supervisor
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Mary Roberson, Senior Services Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Jeni Starr, Health & Wellness Specialist
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Jennifer Tufts, Community Engagement Project Manager

Karen Weitzel, Chief People Officer
Steve Wieberg, Writer / Copy Editor

Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

No changes were made to the Board Calendar for calendar year 2022. (LBM 4522) **Motion by Dominik to affirm the Board Calendar. 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.)

Howard Barnes arrived 4:35 p.m.

Motion by Dominik to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 Regular Board meeting. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Browne to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Howard Barnes. 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 2021: Payroll (11/18/21 net cash \$270,050 plus taxes \$98,361) and (12/2/21 net cash \$276,045 plus taxes \$100,626) total amount of \$745,082; General Expense Payments including Checks (#6834-7030), in the amount of \$1,070,297. (LBM 4523)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for November 2021. (LBM 4524)

Oñate Greim arrived 4:37 p.m. Kenney arrived 4:47 p.m.

Motion by Snell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the transfer of \$1,700,000 to the Swanson Sanders Strategic Endowment Fund held at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation ("GKCCF"). Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4525)

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board (LBM 4526) and provided an update on the strategic visioning process.

Kemper appointed Howard Barnes to the nominating committee who confirmed interest and will present a slate of officers at the January Board meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Secretary

Date