

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 15, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. online.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Billie Howard Barnes
Susie Kenney

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Amanda Barnhart, North-East Branch Manager
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations
Jerry Houchins, Director of Building Operations
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Wendy Pearson, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Mindy Ryan, Mentor Project Coordinator
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Jennifer Williams, Tech Access Virtual Services Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Leigh Ann Massey

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

Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Regular Board meeting. Second by Oñate Greim. 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.)

No changes were made to the Board Calendar for calendar year 2021. (LBM 4461) **Motion by Dorsey to affirm the Board Calendar. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously.**

Dorsey provided a nominating committee report and will have a slate of officers ready for the January Board meeting.

Williams arrived 4:35 p.m.

Motion by Browne to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Snell. 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 2020: Payroll (11/19/20 net cash \$247,867 plus taxes \$92,184) and (12/03/20 net cash \$248,785 plus taxes \$93,180) total amount of \$682,016; General Expense Payments including Checks (#4415-4582), in the amount of \$1,288,394. (LBM 4459)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for November 2020. (LBM 4460)

Herron introduced Coogan and Jones to discuss digital initiatives. Coogan described several grants the Library received to bridge the digital divide by providing a hotline number, hotspots, laptops, and Career Online High School scholarships. Jones described the work of the Missouri Valley Room in digitizing several resources including High School yearbooks, organized crime files, maps, Liberty Memorial design proposal drawings, images documenting Kansas City's built environment, and World War I and World War II scrapbooks.

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4462) The community resources team was selected as a 2020 Top Innovator in the Race & Social Equity category by the Urban Library Council for their Street Sheet. The Racial Equity Team has shared the results of a staff survey on race and equity with all Library staff. Planning for our 150th birthday on December 5, 2023 has begun and will include a capital campaign. The Board discussed their impressions of the Library website and offered suggestions on ways to improve or make information more accessible.

With all scheduled business completed, Kemper declared the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Secretary

Date