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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 19, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Plaza Branch Large Meeting Room, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Claudia Oñate Greim, Acting President
Laura Dominik
Billie Howard Barnes
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Marilou Joyner
Susie Kenney

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Jessica Agler, Administrative Officer
Kelly Berry, Outreach AmeriCorps VISTA
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director of Public Affairs & Community
of Readers
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Kristin Nelson, Director of Development
Jason Pearl, Community Resource Specialist
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief
Financial Officer
Heather Zoellner, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt
Renee Franklin
Kayla Zach

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

Motion by Dixon to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 regular Board 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.)

Dorsey and Bell arrived 4:34 p.m.

Motion by Dominik to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Building Oversight Committee meeting. Second by Kenney. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Dorsey 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 February 2019: Payroll (02/28/19 net cash \$287,904 plus taxes \$126,428) and (03/14/19 net cash \$240,374 plus taxes \$88,336) total amount of \$743,042; General Expense Payments including Checks (#176511-176791), in the amount of \$805,258. (LBM 4331)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for February 2019. (LBM 4332)

Siragusa reported that the preliminary assessment from Jackson County showed a substantial increase in assessed values for commercial and residential properties that will result in increased revenue for next year's Library budget. Siragusa noted that potential tax protests could have a negative impact. Based on the current projections, the estimated nonbinding tax levy would be set at 0.5644. The County will provide new preliminary numbers in June, which will be used in the Library's preliminary operating budget, and final numbers will be received prior to setting the ad valorem tax rate in September.

C. Kemper and Siragusa summarized conversations with the county regarding assessment.

Howard Barnes arrived 4:50 p.m.

Motion by Bell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to designate the Chief Executive to informally project the Library's nonbinding tax levy for tax year 2019 pursuant to the provisions of Section 137.243(1) RSMo. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4333)

Jason Pearl, Community Resource Specialist, presented the outreach work of the Library in connecting with social service agencies and patrons experiencing life challenges, noting that the Library is a trusted source of vital information, resources, and programming for the community. A couple of grants have supplemented opportunities, and several new initiatives including a peer navigator program are planned to expand and improve services.

C. Kemper provided a Director's Report to the Board. (LBM 4334) C. Kemper discussed several efforts to keep the Library and tax issues in the mayoral race and before the Missouri and Kansas legislatures.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Secretary

Date