

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – November 17, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. online.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Susie Kenney

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive  
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer  
Amanda Barnhart, North-East Branch Manager  
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance  
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager  
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems  
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and  
Community Engagement  
Michael Daly, Audio Visual Supervisor  
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  
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: Amanda Jackson

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

**Motion by Browne to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 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.)

**Motion by Dominik 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 October 2020: Payroll (10/22/20 net cash \$249,808 plus taxes \$93,015) and (11/05/20 net cash \$247,472 plus taxes \$92,415) total amount of \$682,710; General Expense Payments including Checks (#4163-4414), in the amount of \$1,814,230. (LBM 4455)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for October 2020. (LBM 4456)**

**Motion by Browne to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to finalize a contract with Kansas City Audio Visual (“KCAV”) for the purchase and installation of audio-visual equipment for the Plaza Branch’s Truman Forum Auditorium, Barton P. Cohen Conference Center, and the Courtney S. Turner Charitable Trust Meeting Room for a total cost not to exceed \$88,295. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4457)**

Jones gave an overview of services offered by the Library during the pandemic, including the ongoing services of the digital branch and Pop-in / Pick Up that have been discussed at previous meetings. He reviewed the services by appointment that are available at the Plaza Kids Corner, Missouri Valley Room, and Digital Media Lab, as well as through Community Resources/Community Connections, Tech Access, Community Reference, and Book a Youth Librarian. Continued services include the homebound books by mail program and Career Online High School. Jones highlighted the senior pen pal program, hot spot lending, and the street sheet.

Herron discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 4458) Siragusa and Herron shared a presentation about Gabriella Polony Mountain and the Library’s partnership with her including the recent donation/acquisition of artwork from her estate.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date