

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – May 14, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, May 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. online.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Susie Kenney  
Denesha Snell

STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Siragusa, Interim Chief Executive  
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer  
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance  
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and  
Community Engagement  
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement  
Jerry Houchins, Director of Building Operations  
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services  
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive  
Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Sterling  
Dan Bradbury  
Jobeth Bradbury

Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 Executive Search Committee meeting, April 21, 2020 regular Board meeting, April 28, 2020 Executive Search Committee meeting, April 29, 2020 Executive Search Committee meeting, and May 5, 2020 Special 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 Howard Barnes to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. (Kemper abstained.)** The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for April 2020: Payroll (04/23/20 net cash \$256,442 plus taxes \$92,459) and (05/07/20 net cash \$255,019 plus taxes \$92,735) total amount of \$696,655; General Expense Payments including Checks (#2803-2999), in the amount of \$2,039,905. (LBM 4426)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for April 2020. (LBM 4427)**

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to execute contracts with various vendors to renew and begin licensing for library access to online databases at a price not to exceed \$327,482.29. Second by Browne. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4428)**

Siragusa discussed the Director's Report with the Board (LBM 4429) and provided an update on the Library's phased-in reopening of physical locations with the new Pop In / Pick Up holds service offering a quick, easy, and contact-free way for patrons to obtain physical books, DVDs, and CDs at Bluford, Central, Plaza, Trails West, and Waldo. Faris described the plans for the Summer Reading Program.

**Motion by Dominik to move into closed session for personnel matters at 5:25 p.m. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. The Board selected a final candidate and alternate for Chief Executive and authorized Bradbury Miller Associates to proceed with background checks.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date