

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 27, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Claudia Oñate Greim
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes
Marilou Joyner
Kathryn Mallinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rose Marie Bell

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Teresa Bolton, Assistant Director / Customer Services Manager
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Melissa Carle, Library Systems and Service Program Manager
Kate Christensen, Computer Lab Supervisor
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Library
Communication
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Branch & Library Services
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Kristin Nelson, Director of Development
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Ruth Stephens, Trails West Branch Manager
Kaite Stover, Director of Readers' Services
Michael Sweeney, Black Archives Collection Librarian
Mary Thompson, Director of Library Outreach & Community
Engagement
Steven Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Marty
Glenn North
Tom Platt

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

J. Kemper turned over chairmanship of the meeting to the Chief Executive for the election of officers. C. Kemper asked for nominations. **Motion by Dorsey to elect the following slate of officers: Claudia Oñate Greim, Secretary/Treasurer; David Mayta, Vice-President; Jonathan Kemper, President.** C. Kemper asked if there were any other names for consideration. There were none. **The motion to elect the slate of officers as nominated by Dorsey was approved unanimously.** The Chief Executive returned the chairmanship of the meeting to the President.

Motion by Dixon to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 regular Board meeting. Second by Dorsey. 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 2015. (LBM 3985)

Motion by Mayta to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Dorsey. 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 December 2014: Payroll (12/24/14 net cash \$212,166 plus taxes \$83,965) and (01/08/15 net cash \$214,337 plus taxes \$87,428), total amount of \$597,896; General Expense Payments including Checks (#163303-163586), in the amount of \$845,758. (LBM 3986)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for December 2014. (LBM 3987)

Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to delegate to the Chief Executive authority to contract for 2015 – 2016 E-Rate eligible information technology services and equipment as detailed in the summary. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3988)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with the Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre ("MET") to produce and perform four script-in-hand performance readings at a cost not to exceed \$12,500. Second by Joyner. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3989)

Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize payment to and contract with KCPT for the production of the J.C. Nichols *Meet the Past* event at cost of \$14,000. Second by Mallinson. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3990)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to to authorize the expenditure for design and consulting services for the Central Library technology center with Hammer Out Design, LLC for a total cost not to exceed \$25,000. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3991)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to purchase 72 chairs through Hammer Out Design, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$19,500. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3992)

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3993) He introduced Marty and Nelson to the Board. Marty gave a brief overview of the Development Plan, which is under revision.

C. Kemper reported on emerging circulation trends, in part due to the inclusion of the Library's e-books in the circulation statistics, as well as changes to the way patrons are interacting with the Library online.

C. Kemper reported that Kositany-Buckner received the Southern Christian Leadership Conference President's Award. He also noted the Library received the Jackson County Historical Society's Bringing the Past Alive Award for *Meet the Past*.

The Board discussed current and upcoming TIF and Tax Abatement projects and issues, as well as the recent audit of the TIF Commission.

Discussing the Black Archives Kositany-Buckner introduced North who gave the Board an overview of programming at the Archives for Black History Month and beyond. Sweeney updated the Board on the status of collections at the Archives, including the Alvin Ailey collection.

Motion by Mayta to convene a closed session under 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss personnel issues.

The Board was in closed session from 5:25 p.m. until 5:46 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Mayta to adjourn. Second by Mallinson. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Secretary

Date