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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 17, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, February 17, 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
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Billie Howard Barnes
Marilou Joyner
Kathryn Mallinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Olivia Dorsey

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Melissa Carle, Library Systems and Service Program Manager
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth and Family Engagement
Kathleen Hinton, Finance 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
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Kaite Stover, Director of Readers' Services
Michael Sweeney, Black Archives Collection Librarian
Steven Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt

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

Motion by Mayta to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 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.)

Discussing the financial report C. Kemper updated the Board on the status of the Governor's withholds of State Aid funding. The withheld funding covers less than 1% of

the Library's budget, approximately \$100,000. This reduction in funding is in addition to the Governor's cut in funding of MoreNet, which is likely to result in increased service fees. He noted that the Legislature in the House has introduced a bill to reverse the Governor's withholds and that this bill has enough support that it may be successful in returning some of the withheld funds.

Motion by Joyner to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Dixon. 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 January 2015: Payroll (01/22/15 net cash \$210,859 plus taxes \$84,830) and (02/05/15 net cash \$217,173 plus taxes \$89,268), total amount of \$602,130; General Expense Payments including Checks (#163587-163816), in the amount of \$1,278,429. (LBM 3994)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for January 2015. (LBM 3995)

Motion by Bell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to adopt the attached Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015–2016. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3996)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to purchase the bronze sculpture *Gandy Dancer* from Edward J. Fraughton, Inc. at a cost of \$10,000. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3997)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with BKD, LLP (“BKD”) to provide audit services for the Library at an annual estimated cost not to exceed \$36,000. Second by Joyner. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3998)

Discussing the proposed MOA with Women's Employment Network and contract with Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership, C. Kemper reported that both are a result of the Library's receipt of a FINRA grant for \$100,000, which essentially extends financial literacy services the Library is already providing. (LBM 3999 and LBM 4000) The program will start with workshops, planned for both Library locations and partner locations, and continue with one-on-one counseling services through partner organizations. J. Kemper requested that the two items relating to this grant be considered and voted on together.

Motion by Bell to approve the following items from the Action Agenda: LBM 3999 and LBM 4000. Second by Mallinson. Approved unanimously.

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with Women's Employment Network (“WEN”) to provide the contract services of a Financial Literacy Specialist for financial literacy services at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$45,000. (LBM 3999)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership (“MCNL”) to provide evaluation services for the Library's financial literacy workshops at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$12,000. (LBM 4000)

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4001) He reported on the recently released the State of Black Kansas City report from the Urban League.

The Board discussed the status of projects at the Central Library including the status of the café and the current plans for reorganizing the One North space into a technology center.

Motion by Mayta to convene a closed session under 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss personnel issues. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously.

The Board was in closed session from 5:20 p.m. until 5:40 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Secretary

Date