

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 21, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. online.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Siragusa, Interim Chief Executive
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
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
Mary Olive Joyce, Director of Library Outreach & Community
Engagement
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Julie Robinson, Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment
Outreach Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Kent Munster

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

Motion by Snell to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2020 Emergency Board meeting and March 17, 2020 regular Board meeting. Second by Oñate Greim. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was 9-0. 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.)

Siragusa discussed the impact of the shutdown on revenue and expenses, property tax revenue for next fiscal year, and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) contracts.

Motion by Dominik 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 Interim Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for March 2020: Payroll (03/26/20 net cash \$291,613 plus taxes \$121,080) and (04/09/20 net cash \$256,136 plus taxes \$92,184) total amount of \$761,013; General Expense Payments including Checks (#2574-2802), in the amount of \$1,190,372. (LBM 4422)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for March 2020. (LBM 4423)

Siragusa discussed additional meetings with The Clark Enersen Partners since the presentation of the North-East furnishings at the March Board meeting to address Board Member questions.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to authorize the purchase of furniture from Contract Furnishings, John A. Marshall Company, Midwest Storage Systems, Pay-Less Office Products, and Scott Rice Office Works at an amount not to exceed \$320,284, as outlined in the Summary. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4424)

Siragusa introduced Julie Robinson, Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment (RISE) Outreach Manager. Robinson described the continuum of services RISE provides and the expanded staff and services that will be possible in the new center at the North-East Branch.

Siragusa discussed the Director's Report with the Board (LBM 4425) and provided an update on the Library's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the leadership team's work on plans for reopening. Jones, Coogan, and Faris described current actions to provide collections and content, accessibility, and ways to stay connected.

Motion by Dorsey to adjourn. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Secretary

Date