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

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, March 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
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes
Marilou Joyner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathryn Mallinson

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
Andrea Ellis, Digital Youth Engagement Manager
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth and Family Engagement
Naphtali Faris, Early Literacy Manager
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Kristin Nelson, Director of Development
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy of Director Administration / Chief Financial Officer
Michael Sweeney, Black Archives Collection Librarian
Mary Thompson, Director of Library Outreach & Community Engagement
Steve Wieberg, Writer / Copy Editor
Heather Zoellner, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive Services

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Motion by Bell to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular Board meeting. Second by Mayta. 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 Mayta to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Oñate Greim. 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 February 2015: Payroll (02/19/15 net cash \$260,086 plus taxes \$96,958) and (03/05/15 net cash \$213,208 plus taxes \$85,443), total amount of \$655,695; General Expense Payments including Checks (#163817-164064), in the amount of \$671,926. (LBM 4003)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for February 2015. (LBM 4004)

Mayta gave a report on the March 17th Finance and Audit Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the Library's tax levy for 2015.

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to designate the Chief Executive to informally project the Library's nonbinding tax levy for tax year 2015 pursuant to the provisions of 137.243(1) RSMo (2010). (NOTE: As this action was recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, no second was needed.) Approved unanimously. (LBM 4005)

Motion by Bell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to negotiate and execute a contract with Faire Consulting to provide professional development services for a three month period ending June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$17,000, with the option to renew for two additional three month periods at a total cost not to exceed \$51,000. Second by Mayta. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4006)

Kositany-Buckner gave a presentation to the Board on the status of the Library's Digital Inclusion efforts. Highlights from the presentation include:

- Internet connection and access to technology are increasingly necessary in order to conduct business, access health information, do research, apply for jobs, complete school assignments, secure government services, and engage in day-to-day communications.
- The Library and its partners improve access through a variety of resources, including public computing centers, free Wi-Fi, online digital literacy programs, job application assistance, online early literacy, and homework help.
- National statistics show that 80% of employers require job application to be completed online and 32% of people rely on libraries for their internet access.
- Google's pre-implementation study of access in Kansas City revealed that:
 - 35% of Kansas City residents do not have internet access at home,
 - 17% do not use internet at all, and
 - 70% of students in the Kansas City Missouri School District do not have access at home.

- Complicating the issue of connectivity is the fact that 40% of School District children have more than one address during the school year, which means that libraries and community centers may be the only stable access available and transportation modes in underserved populations makes proximity of these resources very important.
- Digital Inclusion strategies for immediate and future opportunities for expansion all require community-wide effort in order to have the needed impact.
- Community-wide efforts thus far, such as the Digital Inclusion Summit in October with over 250 attendees (fully supported by outside funders) and the Digital Inclusion website, have garnered considerable attention at both the local and national levels.

J. Kemper left at 5:28 p.m.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4007) He reported that the state cuts to library funding are still a concern and that he would be joining a group of metro area librarians, teens, and other library supporters traveling to Jefferson City on March 18, 2015, to meet with legislators and to stage a rally in support of restoring funding to public libraries.

Motion by Dorsey to adjourn. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Secretary

Date