

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 21, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, October 21, 2014 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  
Kathryn Mallinson

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology  
Teresa Bolton, Assistant Director / Customer Services Manager  
Melissa Carle, Library Systems and Service Program Manager  
Liesl Christman, Digital Content Specialist  
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services  
Naphtali Faris, Early Literacy Manager  
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager  
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director  
Alex Krause, Project Director, Building a Community of Readers  
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  
Steven Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Foley

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

Discussing the minutes Mayta noted the need for a correction to the September 23, 2014 Finance and Audit Committee meeting minutes, which state that Olivia Dorsey made the motion to adjourn and also seconded the motion.

**Motion by Mayta to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 Finance and Audit Committee meeting and the September 23, 2014 regular Board meeting, as amended. Second by Howard Barnes. 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 authorization for expenditures over \$10,000 C. Kemper reported on the current status of MOREnet funding.

Discussing the renewal of contracts for employee health and dental insurance C. Kemper introduced Mike Foley of Foley Insurance Solutions who summarized the current contract terms for the Board. (LBM 3967, LBM 3968, and LBM 3969)

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Howard Barnes. 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 September 2014: Payroll (09/18/14 net cash \$210,515 plus taxes \$84,602) and (10/02/14 net cash \$216,318 plus taxes \$86,671), total amount of \$598,106; General Expense Payments including Checks (#162598-162843), in the amount of \$674,019. (LBM 3964)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for September 2014. (LBM 3965)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the contract with and/or make payment to the attached list of vendors in amounts not to exceed those detailed in the attached list of vendors. (LBM 3966)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to renew the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City for employee health insurance at a total cost of approximately \$1,089,000 for plan year January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015. (LBM 3967)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to renew the contract with Assurant for dental insurance at a total cost of approximately \$79,464 for plan year January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015. (LBM 3968)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to renew a contract with Sun Life Financial for life and long term disability insurance at a cost to the Library of approximately \$13,900 for calendar year (plan year) 2015. (LBM 3969)**

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3970) He introduced Christman who discussed the Library's social media interactions with the San Francisco Public Library around the World Series, which have garnered national attention.

C. Kemper updated the Board on the outcomes from the Digital Inclusion Summit, which has helped establish a national reputation for the Library as a leader in the efforts to bridge the digital divide.

C. Kemper reported that the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater held its patron's gala at the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. Many community leaders were in attendance, some of whom had not been to the Black Archives before, and the event went a long way

to promote both the Black Archives and the Alvin Ailey papers collection and upcoming exhibit.

C. Kemper introduced Carle to the Board. She gave a brief overview of current and upcoming revisions to the way the Library's statistics are being collected and reported. The Circulation section now includes numbers for digital media usage (such as Overdrive, Hoopla, TumbleBooks, and Freegal) under the heading of Digital Branch. The Door Count section has been renamed Total Library Visits to more accurately reflect the way that patrons interact with the Library, including virtual visits to online resources. These current and future revisions are important to correctly identify patron usage of Library resources for budgetary considerations, as well as for grant applications and reporting.

**Motion by Mayta to adjourn. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date