

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – May 16, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at the Administrative Annex.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Michelle Smirnova

STAFF PARTICIPANTS: John Herron, Chief Executive  
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems  
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and  
Community Engagement  
Brianna Daniels, Administrative Officer  
Cindy Hohl, Director of Policy Analysis and Operational Support  
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services  
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive  
Services  
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy  
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer  
Kaite Stover, Director of Reader's Services  
Deborah Stoppello, Director of Library Collections

\*Full list of staff in attendance available by request

Browne called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Motion by Dominik to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023, Regular Board meeting, April 20, 2023, Executive Committee meeting, and April 25, 2023, Special Board meeting. 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.)

**Request by Dominik to consider the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion by Dominik to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Snell. 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 April 2023: Payroll (4/6/23 net cash \$309,409 plus taxes \$109,073) and (4/20/23 net cash \$363,730 plus taxes \$135,355) total amount of \$917,567; General Expense Payments including Checks (#10573-10782), in the amount of \$1,216,788. (LBM 4628)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for April 2023. (LBM 4629)**

**Motion by Snell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the purchase of computers and peripherals from SHI International Corp. (“SHI”) at an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4630)**

LBM 4631, Authorization to Contract for Repairs and Waterproofing for the Roof at the Southeast Branch, was postponed until the June 20, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Kenney arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Kenney left at 4:37 p.m.

Discussing proposed revised Policy 104 (LBM 4632) ALA’s Library Bill of Rights, Herron clarified that this revised policy reflects changes made to the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights, amended in 2019.

**Motion by Oñate-Greim to approve of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the formal adoption of the proposed revised Policy 104 Library Bill of Rights in accordance with Library Board Policy 002 as placed on the Policy Calendar in April 2023. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4632)**

Browne recommended India Williams be appointed as the representative member of the Library Board to the Library Foundation Board. (LBM 4633)

**Motion by Dominik to appoint India Williams as a representative member from the Board of the Kansas City Public Library to the Board of The Kansas City Public Library Foundation. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4633)**

Williams left at 5:01 p.m.

Herron introduced Kaite Stover, Director of Reader’s Services, to discuss the Summer Reading and Learning Program. Stover noted that this is the 8<sup>th</sup> year the Library has combined the program to include all ages – children, teens, and adults. In 2023, the Library had a record breaking year with 11,269 participants. Stover hopes to surpass that number

this year with help from our partners, Arvest Bank and IMLS. Events this year will include Pop in at the Park, Kids Café, Urban Bucket Brigade, and visits from several kids entertainers.

Discussing the Director’s Report (LBM 4634), Herron highlighted National Library Week, celebrated April 23-29. Herron also highlighted that the Library held two back-to-back naturalization ceremonies.

**Motion by Dominik to adjourn. Second by Kemper. Approved unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date