

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – June 23, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, June 23, 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
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Jeremy Drouin, Special Collections Manager
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Jerry Houchins, Director of Building Operations
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Jason Roe, Digital History Specialist
April Roy, Director of the Plaza Branch
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: John Herron
Andrew Jansen
Christina Larkins

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

Motion by Howard Barnes to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 Executive Search Committee meeting, May 14, 2020 Executive Search Committee meeting, May 14, 2020 regular Board meeting, June 2, 2020 Special Board meeting. Second by Dorsey. 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 Dorsey to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously. (Oñate Greim abstained.) 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 May 2020: Payroll (05/21/20 net cash \$254,546 plus taxes \$92,153) and (06/04/20 net cash \$252,907 plus taxes \$92,083) total amount of \$691,689; General Expense Payments including Checks (#3000-3134), in the amount of \$1,121,692. (LBM 4430)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for May 2020. (LBM 4431)

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 for FY 2020 – 2021 and ratify FY 2019 – 2020 expenses that exceeded estimates. (LBM 4432)

Kenney arrived 4:45 p.m.

Siragusa described the impact of protested taxes and the COVID-19 Pandemic on the proposed budget.

Motion by Snell to approve the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to adopt a preliminary 2020-2021 Library Operating Budget (General Fund) of \$23,838,902, Gifts/Grants Fund Budget of \$1,680,000, Capital Development Fund Budget of \$4,000,000, and Library Parking Garage (Enterprise Fund) budget of \$640,000, and approve changes in fund transfers and Salary Schedule as noted on the attached schedules. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4433)

Motion by Browne to approve the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to contract with The Travelers Company, Inc., Chubb Group of Insurance Companies and Midwest Public Risk for coverage outlined below and to authorize the payment of total premiums and fees to Lockton Companies LLC and Midwest Public Risk of \$245,046 for FY 2020-2021. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4434)

Siragusa discussed the Director's Report with the Board (LBM 4435) and provided an update on the Library's phased-in reopening of physical locations with limited public computer usage now being offered by appointment at Bluford and Southeast initially. Senior leadership is moving forward to develop a plan to become a more racially equitable library. The initial steps of the plan will include the creation of an equity change team. Jones described plans to allow patrons to schedule appointments with librarians as the next phase of reopening as well as a new service for notarizing absentee ballots.

The Board discussed the J.C. Nichols' Country Club Plaza Map on display at the Plaza Branch.

Dominik left 6:08 p.m. Dominik returned 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Williams to take down the J.C. Nichols' Country Club Plaza Map, motion by Snell to add an amendment to set a time for a follow up meeting to discuss plans for developing a policy for displaying and providing educational information. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Dorsey to adjourn. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Secretary

Date