

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 16, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 3:30 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

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Terry Anderson, Director of Collection Management Services  
Claudia Baker, Director of Development  
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager  
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology  
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director  
Andrea Ellis, Learning Labs Coordinator  
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services  
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Communication  
Clare Hollander, Children's Librarian  
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager  
Joel Jones, Director of Branch and Outreach Services  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director  
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager  
Jamie Mayo, Central Youth Services Manager  
Eli Paul, Director of Missouri Valley Special Collections  
Bob Pedersen, Senior Human Resources Generalist  
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer  
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer  
Wick Thomas, Library Associate  
Mary Thompson, Outreach Manager  
Steven Woolfolk, Senior Writer/Editor

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt  
Doretha Williams

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

**Motion by Mayta to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2013 Building Oversight Committee meeting, the March 19, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting, and**

**the March 19, 2013 regular Board meeting. Second by Dixon. 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 Dixon 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 Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for March 2013: Payroll (03/21/13 net cash \$213,338 plus taxes \$86,629) and (04/04/13 net cash \$216,328 plus taxes \$88,186), total amount of \$604,481; General Expense Payments including Checks (#157702-157955), in the amount of \$676,984. (LBM 3834)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for March 2013. (LBM 3835)**

**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 3836)**

**Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Chief Executive to place on the policy calendar the proposed revised Suspected Misconduct, Dishonesty, Fraud and Whistleblower Protection Policy in accordance with Library Board Policy 002. (NOTE: As this action was recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, no second was needed.) Approved unanimously. (LBM 3837)**

**Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize travel for Rose Marie Bell and Olivia Dorsey to attend the American Library Association (ALA) Annual conference, held from June 27, 2013 to July 2, 2013, in Chicago, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$5,564 in accordance with Library Board Policies 031 and 032. Second by Mayta. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3838)**

Central Youth Services staff gave a presentation to the Board on recent activities and initiatives. Hollander gave an update on the relationship that has been forged with the teachers and students at Crossroads Academy. Thomas reported on his recent presentation at the first Urban Librarians Conference, held in New York. He also shared the video on creating youth advocates for libraries that his team entered into the teen video challenge for the conference and talked about his work in creating a "teen zine" to give library teens a chance to publish their original works and participate in the process of creating the handmade publication.

Howard Barnes arrived at 4:00 p.m.

Oñate Greim arrived at 4:05 p.m.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3839) He announced that Fortunato has been named the 2013-14 Simons Public Humanities Fellow at the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas. The fellowship will support his research for a forthcoming book about his Kansas walks. C. Kemper also noted that on

May 28<sup>th</sup> Fortunato will give a presentation at the Plaza Library on his walk from Overland Park to Wichita.

C. Kemper reported that the Library had just learned that the Black Archives has been removed from the City's budget. Williams and Kositany-Buckner will find out more about the cut and report back to the Board. He also reported on recent TIF and tax abatement developments.

Williams updated the Board on the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. She shared information about events and exhibits that have taken place since the Archives opened in June of 2012 as well as plans for upcoming events and exhibits. She reported on the status of the collections at the Archives: cataloging, preservation, housing, and development/acquisitions. The Archives is working on the transfer of Black Archives collection items that have been housed at KU since 1977, an arrangement made by Horace Peterson. Williams reported that efforts are currently focused on research, development, retention, and sustainability. Work continues on getting the Archives back into the City budget; developing the board of directors; branding, marketing, and creating a strong definition of what the Black Archives is; collaboration with civic groups and organizations; and efforts to be highly visible in the community through education and outreach.

J. Kemper left at 4:55 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date