

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 17, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President  
Laura Dominik  
Billie Howard Barnes  
Rose Marie Bell  
Leon Dixon  
Olivia Dorsey  
Marilou Joyner  
Susie Kenney

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer  
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager  
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and  
Community Engagement  
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement  
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services  
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive  
Services  
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer /  
Chief Financial Officer  
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Pete Lacy  
Taylor Lacy  
Andy Gilmore  
Renee Franklin

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

**Motion by Joyner to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 regular Board meeting and the November 21, 2019 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 Dominik 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 November 2019: Payroll (11/21/19 net cash \$253,839 plus taxes \$92,141) and (12/05/19 net cash \$256,489 plus taxes \$92,487) total amount of \$694,956; General Expense Payments including Checks (#1464-1753), in the amount of \$1,026,651. (LBM 4398)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for November 2019. (LBM 4399)**

C. Kemper and Pete Lacy discussed the proposed contract with Herner Construction and answered questions.

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to finalize a contract with Herner Construction (“Herner”) for the general contractor services for the North-East Branch renovation for a total cost not to exceed \$3,458,785. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4400)**

The Proposed Board Calendar was presented for Trustee review. (LBM 4401) The calendar will be placed on the January agenda for affirmation by the Board.

Howard Barnes arrived 5:05 p.m.

C. Kemper discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 4402)

The Board discussed the summary report from the October 14, 2019 Library Board Retreat and next steps. (LBM 4403) The May 2019 Final Report by Karin George to the Kauffman Foundation was also discussed.

J. Kemper shared a letter from the Mid-Continent Public Library Board congratulating C. Kemper on his nomination to lead the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

**Motion by Dorsey to move into closed session for personnel matters at 5:14 p.m. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. No action was taken.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date