

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 18, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Susie Kenney

STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Siragusa, Interim Chief Executive  
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer  
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance, Chief Financial Officer  
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and  
Community Engagement  
Molly Doroba, Early Learning Librarian  
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement  
Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations  
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services  
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive  
Services  
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources

Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular Board meeting and February 10, 2020 Executive Director Search Committee meeting. Second by Oñate Greim. 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 Howard Barnes 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 Interim Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for January 2020: Payroll (01/16/20 net cash \$241,509 plus taxes \$88,637) and (01/30/20 net cash \$263,095 plus taxes \$100,914) and (02/13/20 net cash \$250,337 plus taxes \$91,523) total amount of \$1,036,015; General Expense Payments including Checks (#2021-2307), in the amount of \$2,165,715. (LBM 4412)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for January 2020. (LBM 4413)**

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to adopt the attached Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2020–2021. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4414)**

**Motion by Snell to approve the recommendation of the Interim Chief Executive to adopt and approve the Organization Resolutions and Agreement submitted by UMB Bank and to authorize signatures of the Board’s President, the Board’s Secretary/Treasurer, the Library’s Assistant Director and Chief Financial Officer for financial transactions. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4415)**

Kemper read a letter from Marilou Joyner and introduced the new board members: Pete Browne, Denesha Snell, and India Williams.

Molly Doroba, Early Learning Librarian, discussed the Stories to Go program. In the past year, 42 volunteer storytellers have been trained and matched with 37 underserved community day cares and early learning centers for a total of 307 storytimes. Interest in the program has led to more volunteers than sites, so the team is currently working to recruit additional sites.

Siragusa discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 4416) The Kansas City Public Library earned a 5-star designation from *Library Journal* for the fourth consecutive year. Less than 1 percent of libraries nationwide receive the rating, and no other Missouri library was accorded that status. Coogan described the Library’s social media success during the Super Bowl, and Jones discussed opportunities to assist in the 2020 Census.

Williams left at 5:44 p.m.

**Motion by Dominik to move into closed session for personnel matters at 5:44 p.m. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously. No action was taken.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date