

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting – May 12, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. online.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Susie Kenney
Michelle Smirnova
India Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Pete Browne
Laura Dominik
Billie Howard Barnes
Claudia Oñate Greim
Denesha Snell

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
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
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer

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

Williams arrived 4:34 p.m.

Herron introduced the staff. Kemper provided an overview of the trustee responsibilities for policy, fiduciary, advocacy, fundraising, and the strategic plan. Herron described the library's political structure and the state library. Jones discussed library services and operations. Coogan described the initiatives of public affairs and community engagement. Faris discussed the work of youth and family engagement. Perkins-McGuinness described our philanthropic efforts. Siragusa provided an overview of the library's finances.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Secretary

Date