

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – July 15, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 4:30 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  
Kathryn Mallinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Olivia Dorsey  
Billie Howard Barnes

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager  
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology  
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director  
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services  
Naphtali Faris, Early Literacy Manager  
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Library  
Communication  
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager  
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager  
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director  
Alex Krause, Project Director, Building a Community of Readers  
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager  
Eli Paul, Director of Missouri Valley Special Collections  
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer  
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer  
Steven Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Dowdall  
Jason Jeffries  
Tom Platt  
Steve Thompson

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

**Motion by Bell to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 Finance and Audit Committee meeting; the June 17, 2014 regular Board meeting; and the June 19, 2014 Ad Hoc Committee on Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. 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.)

Discussing the financial reports C. Kemper reported that expenditures for the fiscal year look to be within \$38,000 of budget. He noted that the property tax revenue, the Library's largest revenue source, has essentially not grown in six years.

Mallinson arrived at 4:42 p.m.

C. Kemper introduced Mallinson who was appointed to the Board to represent the Sugar Creek area of the Library's service district.

Discussing MOREnet the Board expressed interest in participating in efforts to get the Library included in the Chamber of Commerce's next tour for state legislators.

Discussing the Public School Retirement System payment J. Kemper requested that the Board receive an update on the status of the actuarial valuation of the system's assets and liabilities.

**Motion by Mayta to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Oñate Greim. 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 June 2014: Payroll (06/26/14 net cash \$226,727 plus taxes \$90,449) and (07/10/14 net cash \$226,321 plus taxes \$95,895), total amount of \$639,392; General Expense Payments including Checks (#161751-162035), in the amount of \$1,029,505. (LBM 3940)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for June 2014. (LBM 3941)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize for Expenditures Exceeding \$10,000. (LBM 3942)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the payment of \$508,693.18 to the Public School Retirement System on or before December 31, 2014, as the Library's contribution for the 2013 calendar year. (LBM 3943)**

**Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with ProServe Business Products, LLC ("ProServ") for the purchase of an annual supply of adhesive hold labels for an amount not to exceed \$13,454. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3944)**

**Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. ("Innovative Interfaces") for professional services for website support and development services for an estimated annual amount not to exceed \$29,000. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3945)**

Dowdall, Jeffries, and Thompson of Thornton Tomasetti gave a presentation to the Board summarizing the comprehensive Conditions Assessment Report for eight Library locations prepared by their firm.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3946) He reported that the Library did receive some funds back from the Southtown TIF. There will be two distributions this fiscal year of about \$140,000 and a distribution of \$140,000 each subsequent year.

C. Kemper discussed the recent ALA, ULC and NEXT conferences with the Board.

C. Kemper reported that local artist Gabriella Mountain, whose mosaic decorated the floor in the old Main Library, has agreed to donate \$65,000 towards the cost of renovating the East Mezzanine space at Central into a more professional gallery space. Her donation would represent roughly three quarters of the funds needed to renovate the space and potential donors are being approached to raise the remaining funds. Mrs. Mountain has requested a naming opportunity and a memo regarding this request will be brought to the Board at an upcoming meeting. An exhibit of her work would be the first in the new space. Discussions are also underway with Jack Johnathan, who worked with Hallmark and American Century, on doing a retrospective of his photography.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date