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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –November 15, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 W 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Browne, President
Claudia Oñate Greim
Laura Dominik
Billie Howard Barnes
Susie Kenney
Jonathan Kemper
Michelle Smirnova
Denesha Snell
India Williams

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jensen Adams, Energy and Sustainability Officer
Courtney Christensen, Philanthropy Department Administrator &
Project Specialist
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Community
Engagement
Michael Daly, AV Supervisor
Brianna Daniels, Administrative Officer
Crystal Faris, Deputy Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Cindy Hohl, Director of Policy Analysis & Operational Support
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Laren Park, Foundation & Corporate Philanthropy Specialist
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Mary Olive Joyce, Director of Library Outreach & Community
Engagement
Beccah Rendall, AmeriCorps Program Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Anthony Trakas, Finance Manager
John Wingert, Annual Giving & Donor Engagement Specialist
Karen Weitzel, Chief People Officer

Browne called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Oñate Greim entered the meeting 4:37 p.m.

Kenney entered the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Motion by Howard-Barnes to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 Regular Board meeting and October 26, 2022 Special Board Meeting. Second by Snell. 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 Snell to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Dominik. 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 October 2022: Payroll (10/6/22 net cash \$446,241 plus taxes \$180,743) and (10/20/22 net cash \$316,867 plus taxes \$115,486) total amount of \$1,059,337; General Expense Payments including Checks (#9207-9414), in the amount of \$1,273,511. (LBM 4592)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for October 2022. (LBM 4593)

Perkins-McGuinness provided an overview of the Library's Philanthropy Department and fundraising activities. Perkins-McGuinness introduced the three recent additions to the team; Lauren Park, Foundation and Corporate Philanthropy Specialist, John Wingert, Annual Giving and Donor Engagement Specialist, and Courtney Christensen, Philanthropy Department Administrator and Project Specialist. Perkins-McGuinness explained that with the growth of the team, the Library has seen a 163% increase in funds raised over the past five years. With those funds, the Library has been able to purchase two new bookmobiles, expand outreach circulation collections, and assist in creating new and unique staffing opportunities, including a grant-funded full-time Wikipedian-in-residence and Swahili and Somali speaking Outreach Assistants. The philanthropy team has worked to apply for and receive several federal grants, including the largest Summer Reading Learning Program grant in the state and receiving the Library's first full NEA Big Read Award.

Kenney left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4594) He highlighted that four Library locations now offer a free public phone that patrons can use to make outgoing calls only. Herron updated the Board on the Secretary of State's proposed administrative rule and presented for Board consideration a resolution proposed by the Missouri Public Library Directors opposing 15 CSR 30-200.015. The Board requested the proposed resolution be brought back at a Special Board Meeting for further discussion and possible revision prior to taking action.

Motion by Kemper to adjourn. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Secretary

Date