

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – August 25, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. online.

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: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations
Jerry Houchins, Director of Building Operations
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Holman
Kelsey Darnell
Clark Swanson
Kate Jacobs

Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020 regular Board meeting.
Second by Dominik. 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 Howard Barnes. 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 July 2020: Payroll (07/16/20 net cash \$253,889 plus taxes \$92,396) and (07/30/20 net cash \$262,349 plus taxes \$98,360) and (08/13/20 net cash \$247,492 plus taxes \$92,802) total amount of \$1,047,288; General Expense Payments including Checks (#3415-3720), in the amount of \$2,503,986. (LBM 4439)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for July 2020. (LBM 4440)

Siragusa discussed the “clawback” from Jackson County requiring us to repay \$379,000 in property tax revenue distributed for last year prior to final settlement.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to re-affirm Library Board Policy 004 (Code of Ethics). Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4441)

Dominik introduced Holman and Darnell of BKD, LLP. Holman presented a summary of the audit results noting that BKD anticipates issuing a clean, unmodified opinion on the final financial statements.

Jones introduced Clark Swanson and Kate Jacobs of OrangeBoy, Inc. Swanson gave an overview of the Savannah Platform noting that it is used by nearly 130 libraries in the United States to analyze and actualize customer data. Jacobs presented an overview of how the platform was used by two other libraries, noting that the Kansas City Public Library has only used the platform for approximately two months.

Herron discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 4442) He discussed plans to review and update the Library logo, mission, and website along with an internal review of the organization chart prior to revisiting the strategic goals from the Board retreat last October.

With all scheduled business completed, Kemper declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Secretary

Date