

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 19, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. online.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Denesha Snell

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Sandra Davis, Mobile Library Services Manager
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Elizabeth Giles, Outreach Youth Librarian
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Mary Olive Joyce, Director of Library Outreach & Community
Engagement
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections

OTHERS PRESENT: Kate Eckelberger

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

Kemper turned over chairmanship of the meeting to the Chief Executive for the election of officers. Herron asked for nominations. **Motion by Dorsey to elect the following slate of officers: Laura Dominik, Secretary/Treasurer; Claudia Oñate Greim, Vice President; Jonathan Kemper, President. Second by Dominik.** Herron asked if there were any other names for consideration. There were none. **The motion to elect the slate of officers as nominated by Dorsey was approved unanimously.** The Chief Executive returned the chairmanship of the meeting to the President.

(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 Dorsey to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Regular Board meeting and the January 12, 2021 Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Second by Browne. A change to the Finance and Audit Committee meeting was noted by Dominik. Approved unanimously.

Dominik reported on the January 12th Finance and Audit Committee meeting. **Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Board of Trustee's Finance and Audit Committee to contract with BKD, LLP to provide financial audit services for a period not to exceed three years, with Library staff ensuring the appropriate rotation of BKD's audit team, and with an initial annual base fee of \$40,000. Second by Browne. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4465)**

Motion by Howard Barnes 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 December 2020: Payroll (12/17/20 net cash \$241,556 plus taxes \$90,702) and (12/31/20 net cash \$256,858 plus taxes \$100,166) and (01/14/21 net cash \$255,727 plus taxes \$96,946) total amount of \$1,041,955; General Expense Payments including Checks (#4583-4812), in the amount of \$1,463,965. (LBM 4463)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for December 2020. (LBM 4464)

Herron introduced Faris and Giles from Youth and Family Engagement. Giles discussed Youth Outreach in 2020. In its first year, 3,745 youth were reached across 109 outreach activities with 5,237 books distributed to children and teens. The activities included Pop In at the Park, Books on the Bus, Tales on the Trail, meal site and food pantry outreach, Virtual Learning Site book bags, outreach to shelters, and a pilot deposit collection at Synergy.

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4466) Following up on the presentation, Herron discussed the need for a future strategic direction plan to identify ways to reach our community and neighborhoods which may not be fully served by our current branches. The trustees discussed equity and race in regards to the need to make programming and civics education more accessible. Staff shared that tax preparation services will be

provided at Library locations as much as possible with Covid restrictions. Since services will be limited relative to prior years, the Library is working to connect patrons to other community partners who are offering free services.

Dominik left 5:38 p.m.

Motion by Dorsey to adjourn. Second by Browne. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Secretary

Date