

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

December 21, 2023

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Amy Miller. Board members Jan Canterbury, Sandra Dupree, Richard Durrett, Richard Pyles, and Eric McCulloch were present. Absent from the meeting were Mary Jo Cooper, Bill Jones, and Deborah Gilliam. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was also in attendance.

Mr. Durrett made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion. All yes, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Canterbury made the motion to approve the minutes for the November 16, 2023, meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Miller turned the floor over to Director Bolom who presented the Open Meeting Disability Accommodation Policy, which is a requirement of Act 393. Mr. Pyles made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion. No discussion. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Miller opened the floor for discussion regarding Library IT service by either accepting GIS' Interagency Cooperative Endeavor Agreement or following the recommendation of Director Bolom to change services to NetTech. Citing the complexity of the material, the short timeframe in which the Board was presented information, and the lack of additional proposals to consider, Mr. Durrett made the motion to authorize the Board Chair to sign the yearly agreement with GIS. Mr. Pyles seconded. No Discussion. Four yes; one no. Motion carried.

Chair Miller provided an overview of all committee activities for 2023 and noted that the Bylaws and Events Center committees still have work to do.

There was no correspondence and communication.

Director Bolom presented the financial report, with a budget that remains on track with the projected surplus.

He summarized the statistical report by noting that numbers usually drop during the holiday seasons through November and December.

In his report, Bolom announced the hiring of one new staff member and the resignation of another. He noted the success of the Library's Pictures with Santa and the 2024 calendar giveaway made possible by the Friends of the Library. He also noted planning for upcoming Black History Month events and the inaugural Geektogether (comic-con).

Chair Miller took time to thank Police Jury Ex-Officio Richard Durrett for his three years of service to the Library Board.

With no further discussions, Mr. Durrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Canterbury seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.

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