

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

February 15, 2024

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

Mr. Melton made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Pyles made the motion to approve the minutes for the December 21, 2023 meeting. Mrs. Canterbury seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Before the agenda item to elect officers, Amy Miller notified the board of her immediate resignation. She has recently been assigned as advisor for Lincoln Parish public bodies by the district attorney.

She then turned the task of Board officer elections to Director Bolom, who promptly called for nominations for Chair for 2024. Mr. Jones nominated Jan Canterbury. Mr. Pyles seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Mr. Melton called to close nominations. All present members voted yes. Jan Canterbury was elected as Chair for 2024. This is her first term as chair.

Director Bolom called for nominations for Vice-Chair for 2024. Mr. Jones made a motion to defer election of the vice-chair until March's meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the nomination. All yes. Motion carried.

Director Bolom called for nominations for the Board's Friends of the Library Liaison. After her willingness to take the role, Mr. Jones nominated Deborah Gilliam. Mrs. Canterbury seconded the nomination. Mr. Melton called to close nominations. All present members voted yes. Deborah Gilliam was elected as Friends of the Library Liaison for 2024.

Mrs. Canterbury called for discussion or a motion to set the meeting dates for 2024. Mr. Pyles made a motion to keep the meetings on current schedule as the third Thursday of the month at 5pm. Mr. Melton seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Director Bolom also noted the upcoming Board term expiration of Mary Jo Cooper on May 4, 2024. Mrs. Cooper did not wish to seek reappointment. She resides in the Dubach area. Newly resigned member Amy Miller resides in Ruston. Therefore, the Board asked any interested party in either area to please address a letter of interest in serving on the Board to the police jury.

The Board then reviewed members of all special committees.

Mr. Jones made a motion to place Mr. Melton, Mr. Pyles, Ms. Gilliam, and himself on the Events Center Committee. Mrs. Canterbury seconded. All yes. Motion Carried.

Due to the completion of the pay scale and job classifications done in 2023, Mr. Jones made a motion to sunset the Compensation Planning Committee. Ms. Gilliam seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

With no changes to the Bylaws Committee due to current or upcoming vacancies, the members were left as is with Mr. Jones, Ms. Dupree, and Mrs. Canterbury serving.

Mr. Jones made a motion to place Mrs. Canterbury, Mr. McCulloch, the Library Director, and himself on the Legislative Committee. Mrs. Canterbury seconded. All yes. Motion Carried.

There was no correspondence and communication.

Director Bolom presented the financial report for 2023, which remains open until all bills and revenues are reconciled. January's budget to actual report shows typical expenditures for the first month of the year.

He then presented the completed statistics for 2023, noting the additional line of data below each total. He showed the difference between 2023 and 2022 numbers and many were good increases. For the first month of 2024, he was thrilled to report the increase of library visits by almost 1400 people more than January 2023.

In his report, Bolom announced the hiring of two part-time staff members and the work being done by a Grambling student intern. He noted the full slate of programming for Black History Month and the building excitement of the inaugural Geektogether (comic-con).

With no further discussions, Mr. Pyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.