

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

March 21, 2024

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by Chair Jan Canterbury. Board members Bill Jones, Deborah Gilliam, Richard Pyles, Eric McCulloch, and Police Jury Ex-Officio Milton Melton were present. Sandra Dupree joined the meeting at agenda item VII. Absent from the meeting were Mary Jo Cooper and Deborah Gilliam. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was also in attendance.

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

There were no public comments.

Mr. Melton made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 15, 2024, meeting. Mr. McCulloch seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Nominations for Vice-Chair for 2024 were called. Mr. Jones nominated Sandra Dupree. Mr. Melton seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Mr. Melton called to close nominations. All present members voted yes. Sandra Dupree was elected as Vice-Chair for 2024. This is her first term as chair.

Chair Canterbury turned the meeting over to Director Bolom to present the change of the "Holiday & Closures Schedule" to the "Holidays & Special Schedules Calendar." He requested the change to include a yearly published notification of summer hours for the Library between Memorial Day and Labor Day. These hours are Monday through Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 1-5pm. Mr. McCulloch made a motion to accept Director Bolom's recommendation and Mr. Pyles seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Chair Canterbury called on Mr. Jones to explain and lead discussion on item VII to discuss and take appropriate action on the bills filed in the legislative session that concern the library. These are House Bill 414 and 640. Mr. Jones provided the Board his analysis of the bills along with brief overview of their impact on libraries and their boards. HB 414 seeks to provide relative to the applicability of the crime of obscenity pertaining to public libraries. HB 640 seeks to provide relative to members of library boards of control. He then proposed a three-part resolution to 1) oppose HB 414, 2) oppose HB 640 as written but would support an amendment whereby a governing authority can terminate a board member for good cause shown, and 3) encourage everyone in the community to express their opposition on both bills. Mr. McCulloch made a motion to accept Mr. Jones proposed resolution and Ms. Dupree seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence and communication.

Director Bolom presented the financial report, which shows typical expenditures for the first quarter of the year.

He then presented the completed statistics February, noting that numbers remain up for almost all patron counts, including visits to the Library and room usage and that outreach numbers include visits made to four area schools.

In his report, Bolom provided a summary of activities at the 2023 Louisiana Library Association Conference, with the highlight being the James O. Modisette Award for Public Library Trustees being presented to Bill Jones. Concerning the building, the mini-split unit in the server room will be replaced. He and Assistant Director Jessica Barrilleaux concluded the last of three interviews for the children's manager position that morning. He announced the retake of staff and board photos that will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024. The board is asked to try to take pictures before the meeting. He concluded his report with an overview of programming and outreach activities, noting a successful slate of Black History Month events and a positive inaugural Geektogether. Mr. Pyles asked how service with Parish IT services was going and requested that Mr. Bolom to include IT activities in his future reports.

With no further discussions, Ms. Dupree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.