

LINCOLN PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of Meeting

March 19, 2025

The Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Jan Canterbury. Board members Sandra Dupree, Bill Jones, Milton Melton, Amanda Norris, Stephanie Smith, Richard Pyles, and Deborah Gilliam were present. Library Director Jeremy Bolom was also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Mr. Melton.

Director Bolom took a few moments to introduce three staff members from three different departments to the Board.

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

There were no public comments.

Mr. Jones made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 20, 2025 meeting. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Canterbury called for information and discussion on the need to replace the Library's digital signs. Director Bolom presented the Board with photographs of the current state of the signs, which includes unrepairable damage. Police Jury Purchasing Officer, Jeri Webb, then provided information on one quote she had obtained from Rapid Signs for \$48,000, stating that with this projected purchase price she would need to get an additional two quotes before a decision could be made. Mr. Jones made a motion for Mrs. Webb to secure the two additional quotes needed for the decision. Mr. Pyles seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones reported for the Legislative Committee which conducted Library tours for Representative Chris Turner and Senator Jay Morris. Another tour for Representative Rashid Young was scheduled for Friday, March 28th. The committee had yet to get a response from Senator Cathey or Senator Luneau.

Mr. Jones also gave the Events Center Committee report including his preliminary legal research on both Police Jury and City of Ruston ordinances from which the Library would need exemption in order to allow renters to serve alcohol in the Events Center.

Ms. Gilliam provided the Friends of the Library report, which included their work with the LPL Readers Club Gala on February 20 and the Community Garage sale on March 8.

There was no correspondence.

During his financial report, Director Bolom pointed out the expense for e-materials, which was already at 31% of the allocated amount. The question of what part of the budget the digital signs would come from was answered with a note that funds can still be moved if necessary.

He then presented the statistics for February. He noted that after recent training on the State Library's annual report, changes were made to the count for circulation and programs, since the definition for each has changed and no longer includes parts that were reported in the past. Therefore, these numbers will show a decrease.

In his report, Bolom summarized his professional activities. Parish IT has completed the server transfer to the Court House and the installation of new phones. The installation of the new security camera system is underway. He went into detail about the success of the Geektogether, including two new community partnership programs formed with event participants. He concluded with outreach activities at LA Tech's Mardi Gras parade.

With no further discussions, Ms. Dupree made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pyles seconded the motion. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.