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**Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting (Orientation)—August 4, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Thursday, August 4, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President  
Marilou Joyner  
Kathy Mallinson

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Lillie Brack, Director of Central Library  
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer  
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth and Family Engagement  
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Kristin Nelson, Director of Development  
Ritchie Momon, Director of Branch Operations & Event Space Management  
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief Financial Officer  
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources  
Steve Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

J. Kemper began the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

C. Kemper provided an overview of the Library's political organization, discussing the Library's existence as an independent political sub-division and taxing jurisdiction. He discussed the Library's financial situation, including the impact of tax abatements and the current tax protests on the Library's budget. He explained the ethnic diversity within the Library District and the Library's support of the community.

J. Kemper discussed the roll of the Board of Trustees at the Kansas City Public Library. He encouraged the new Board members to review the financial information provided by the Library. He stated that the role of the Board of Trustees is to think long term about the interests and needs of the Library and the community. He noted that the Library Trustees serve the length of their respective terms, and not at the pleasure of the mayoral system that appointed them.

Jones, Farris, Woolfolk, and Kositany-Buckner each gave overviews of their areas.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
Secretary

  
Date