

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 21, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President  
Laura Dominik  
Rose Marie Bell  
Leon Dixon  
Olivia Dorsey  
Billie Howard Barnes  
Marilou Joyner  
Susie Kenney

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer  
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager  
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance, Chief Financial Officer  
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems  
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and  
Community Engagement  
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement  
Elizabeth Giles, Outreach Youth Librarian  
Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations  
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services  
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive  
Services  
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Wieberg, Writer / Copy Editor

OTHERS PRESENT: Janell Johnson  
Renee Franklin

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

J. Kemper turned over chairmanship of the meeting to the Chief Executive for the election of officers. C. Kemper asked for nominations. **Motion by Dorsey to elect the following slate of officers: Laura Dominik, Secretary/Treasurer; Claudia Oñate Greim, Vice**

**President; Jonathan Kemper, President. Second by Bell.** C. Kemper asked if there were any other names for consideration. There were none. **The motion to elect the slate of officers as nominated by Dorsey was approved unanimously.** The Chief Executive returned the chairmanship of the meeting to the President. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Joyner arrived 4:34 p.m.

No changes were made to the Board Calendar for calendar year 2020. (LBM 4404) **Motion by Dorsey to affirm the Board Calendar. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Dominik to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 regular Board meeting. Second by Joyner. Approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Joyner. Approved unanimously.** The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for December 2019: Payroll (12/19/19 net cash \$250,650 plus taxes \$95,881) and (01/02/20 net cash \$256,535 plus taxes \$94,692) total amount of \$697,758; General Expense Payments including Checks (#1754-2020), in the amount of \$1,308,310. (LBM 4405)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for December 2019. (LBM 4406)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the contract with and/or make payment to the attached list of vendors in amounts not exceed those detailed in the attached list of vendors for FY 2019 - 2020. (LBM 4407)**

Howard Barnes arrived 4:39 p.m.

**Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract for 2020 – 2021 E-Rate eligible information technology services and equipment. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4408)**

**Motion by Joyner to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the transfer of \$898,857.39 to the Swanson Sanders Strategic Endowment Fund held at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (“GKCCF”). Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4409)**

C. Kemper announced his resignation from his position of Chief Executive effective today.

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive Search Committee to appoint Assistant Director Debbie Siragusa to serve as Interim Chief Executive effective immediately, until such time as the Chief Executive position has been filled, with current employment terms and compensation plus an additional \$2,000 monthly to be paid during the duration of such service. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4410)**

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4411) Siragusa introduced the new Director of Finance, Janice Bolin. Janell Johnson presented an update on fundraising for the North-East Branch. The Board revised the five strategic goals from the Board Retreat.

1. Diversify public and private funding
2. Champion a community of readers and lifelong learners
3. Enrich the collections and resources that sustain reading and lifelong learning
4. Enhance digital learning and access to technology
5. Be recognized as a leader in civic discourse and engagement

With all scheduled business completed, J. Kemper declared the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date