

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – July 21, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. online.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Claudia Oñate Greim
Laura Dominik
Pete Browne
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes
Susie Kenney
Denesha Snell
India Williams

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Janice Bolin, Director of Finance
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations
Jerry Houchins, Director of Building Operations
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer.
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Kaite Stover, Director of Reader's Services

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

**Motion by Snell to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020 regular Board meeting.
Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously.** (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.)

Motion by Dominik to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Dorsey. 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 June 2020: Payroll (06/18/20 net cash \$253,952 plus taxes \$106,388) and (07/02/20 net cash \$253,871 plus taxes \$92,424) total amount of \$706,635; General Expense Payments including Checks (#3135-3414), in the amount of \$1,820,354. (LBM 4436)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for June 2020. (LBM 4437)

Howard Barnes arrived 4:34 p.m.

Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections, and David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager, discussed digital usage statistics in the time of coronavirus. Stoppello discussed trends for eBooks, audiobooks, music, videos, magazines, comics, and eResources. Digital branch use increased exponentially due to the Library's closure and the pandemic, and the high use of digital versus physical will continue in the future. With protests occurring during the closure, the digital branch curated anti-racism collections for kids, teens, and adults which correlated to increased usage and was also noted by LaCrone. LaCrone described digital resource trends in e-Content, the Library website, the Library catalog, and eCard signups.

Herron discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4438) Executive Team conversations regarding metrics and benchmarks have begun and plans for a campaign to share our mission, goals, and values with the community are in progress. Herron also described his goals for the Director of Development and a team to support that position.

Motion by Browne to adjourn. Second by Snell. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Secretary

Date