

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Lafayette Public Library Board of Control

January 9, 2024

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The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was held in the meeting room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Library at 301 West Congress Street on January 9, 2024. Stephanie Armbruster, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**I. Roll Call and Invocation**

Board Members Present: Stephanie Armbruster, Board Vice President; Ella Arsement; Allan Moore; Erasto Padron; James Thomas; Robert Judge (arrived at 6:19 PM)

Board Members Absent: Daniel Kelly, Board President

Other Staff Present: Sarah Monroe, Interim Library Director; Larry Angelle, Library Operations Manager; Nancy Hebert, Administrative Assistant

The invocation was led by Erasto Padron.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Stephanie Armbruster led the board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting was made by Ella Arsement and seconded by Erasto Padron.

Yeas: Armbruster, Arsement, Moore, Padron, Thomas

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Judge, Kelly

The motion carries.

**IV. Comments from the Library Board**

There were no comments from the Board.

**V. Director Search Committee Update**

Stephanie Armbruster announced the first meeting of the Director Search Committee will be Monday, January 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room at the Main Library. She also announced that board member Allan Moore will be joining the committee.

## **VI. Interim Director's Report & Comments**

Staff changes and vacancies were reported to the board.

The interim Director reported that not much has happened since the last board meeting. Library Administration has been working on making sure LPL is compliant with the resolution passed last month. Monroe still feels like she's catching up on end of year things due to the holidays and sickness, but she has an eye on the future as her and her management team start to plan for the year ahead.

## **VII. Facilities Update & Financial Report**

Construction Document Phase for the SRL Renovation Project is to be approved by LPL Board of Control, then sent out for bid.

There are no new updates to report on the NRL Renovation Project.

The City Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024, at 5:00 PM and will be held in the Auditorium in Building C at 220 W. Willow Street. Library Administration has reviewed the Areawide Development Review Committee report and conditions. The Library will request variances to a traffic study, as the traffic impact is not anticipated to be anywhere near to the 100 trip per hour requiring a traffic study. The Library will also request a variance to the construction of Venus Drive to tie into Shadow Bluff Drive.

The replacement of the stairwell glass panel at the Main Library is pending. The Library Operations manager is working with the vendor and waiting on pricing proposal.

The repairs to the front entrance glass panel at the West Regional Library are complete.

The roofer made repairs under warranty at the South Regional Library. There was only one leak, located in the Storytime Room, reported after the 1/8/24 rain event.

In FY 23/24, the library has collected \$250 thousand and has spent \$2.7 million.

## **VIII. New Business**

A. South Regional Library Renovation Project

Architect Gene Sellers from The Sellers Group presented the Construction Document Phase of the South Regional Library Renovation Project including the base bid costs of the project and three alternate bid items.

After board discussion, Stephanie Armbruster asked that the board be presented with the bids for their final stamp of approval before a contract is awarded. Ella Arsement made a motion to approve the construction document phase and pricing estimate and authorized the Library to move forward with bidding out the project. James Thomas seconded the motion.

Yeas: Armbruster, Arsement, Judge, Moore, Padron, Thomas  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: Kelly

The motion carries.

**B. Library Book Discards November – December 2023**

A motion to discard 1,094 books was made by Ella Arsement and seconded by Erasto Padron.

Yeas: Armbruster, Arsement, Judge, Moore, Padron, Thomas  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: Kelly

The motion carries.

**IX. Announcements**

- A. Reminder that the next Library Board Meeting will be Monday, February 19, 2024.
- B. Reminder that yearly ethics training and sexual harassment training must be completed before December 31, 2024.

**X. Public Comments on any Library business which is not an agenda item.**

Kenneth Broussard, Melany Champagne, Cindi Fox, Mary Lib Guercio, Mitzi Maddox, and Nureaka Ross commented.

**XI. Closing Prayer, Adjournment**

The closing prayer was led by Robert Judge. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Monroe, Interim Secretary