

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Lafayette Public Library Board of Control
Director's Search Committee

June 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Director's Search Committee was held in the meeting room on the 2nd floor of the Main Library at 301 West Congress Street on June 9, 2021. Joan Wingate, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Members Present: Joan Wingate, Chairperson; Andrew Duhon; Sandra Billeaudeau; Adele Blue; Robert Judge; Patricia Colbert-Cormier (Arrived 5:46)

Committee Members Absent: James Thomas

Other Staff Present: Danny Gillane, Interim Library Director; Danielle Breaux; Director's Executive Secretary

Members of the Public:

Joan Wingate led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Opening Comments

Joan Wingate provided opening commentary.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Director's Search Committee Meeting was made by Sandra Billeaudeau and seconded by Andrew Duhon.

Yeas: Wingate; Duhon; Billeaudeau; Blue; Judge

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Colbert-Cormier; Thomas

IV. Interview

Danny Gillane was interviewed by the Director's Search Committee for the position of Director.

V. Executive Session

A motion to table going into Executive Session was made by Andrew Duhon and seconded by Sandra Billeaudeau.

Yeas: Wingate; Duhon, Billeaudeau; Blue; Judge; Colbert-Cormier

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Thomas

VI. Recommendation

A motion was made by Sandra Billeaudeau that based on the interview with Danny Gillane and his responses, that the Committee recommend to the Board of Control that Danny Gillane was the best candidate for position of Director and this was seconded by Andrew Duhon.

An amendment was made by Andrew Duhon to add in a salary of \$57.8983 hourly/\$120,483 per year and all benefits in line with the previous director position including vacation, sick leave, holiday, health insurance, retirement, and other benefits of former Director Teresa Elberson and said position. This amendment was seconded by Patricia Colbert-Cormier.

Yeas: Wingate; Duhon, Billeaudeau; Blue; Judge; Colbert-Cormier

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Thomas

A motion was made by Sandra Billeaudeau that based on the interview with Danny Gillane and his responses, that the Committee recommend to the Board of Control that Danny Gillane was the best candidate for position of Director, with a salary of \$57.8983 hourly/\$120,483 per year and all benefits in line with the previous director position including vacation, sick leave, holiday, health insurance, retirement, and other benefits of former Director Teresa Elberson and said position, and this was seconded by Robert Judge.

Yeas: Wingate; Duhon, Billeaudeau; Blue; Judge; Colbert-Cormier

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Thomas

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Comments from the public on any other matter not on this agenda

Lynette Mejia stated that the former Director did not retire because she was tired of her job, but because she went up against the Board of Control. She congratulated Danny Gillane and stated that he had a clearly defined relationship with the Board. She cautioned that the Board would push back and that he will get requests beyond their role as Board members.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danny Gillane, Secretary