

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON
June 12, 2023**

A meeting of the Library Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 4:00 PM via Zoom and in-person in the board room at New Main.

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. J. Auge	Ms. A. Silbernagel
Dr. M. Blackwell	Ms. S. Shumate
Ms. S. Haden	Dr. K. Sullivan
Mr. T. Hurney	Ms. C. Tawney
Ms. B. King	Mr. B. Thomas

KCPL staff members present were Ms. Erika Connelly, Ms. Sarah Mitchell, Ms. Marsha Alford, Ms. Adele Thumm, Mr. Stan Howell, Mr. Tim Venitsanos, and Mr. Michael Polak.

IT Specialist Robby Dingess was present during the first half of the meeting and worked to resolve an audio issue with the Zoom Call.

Others in attendance were Mr. Christopher Winton, library counsel.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Haden presided due to the audio issues. She reported a quorum was present. The Director served as Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion made, seconded, and ADOPTED, the minutes of the regular Board meeting on May 8, 2023, were approved.

Director's Report

Circulation in the system is steadily improving. While the library has yet to reach pre-Covid numbers, Ms. Connelly is pleased with the progress. KCPL's digital materials consistently represent around 50 percent of the monthly circulation totals.

Ms. Marian Veld is the new Technical Services Manager for the KCPL system. Ms. Connelly plans to introduce Ms. Veld to the board at the next meeting. Ms. Veld was an internal candidate, who previously worked in the Reference Department.

KCPL is completing an application for the 2023 Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize. This \$250,000 grant is presented every year by the Library Journal. Ms. Connelly thanked Mr. Howell and Ms. Elizabeth Fraser for their help on the project. She also noted that the Library received letters from three community partners/elected officials for its packet: Mayor Amy Goodwin, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Ms. Connelly will appear on the West Virginia Public Radio program, Three Things. Her episode will be recorded at Charleston's Capitol Market on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Venitsanos gave a brief update about the St. Albans branch. The elevator project is on schedule. The parts arrived. All damage from the December fire on the second floor is repaired. The branch plans to re-

open on the second floor with the new elevator in place by the end of the summer.

Action Items

1. Nomination Committee for 23-24 Officers

Ms. Silbernagel announced that there will be continuity in the slate of Board of Directors officers for the 23-24 fiscal year.

Mr. Ben Thomas will serve as President.

Ms. Stephanie Haden will serve as First Vice President.

Ms. Betty King will serve as Second Vice President.

Ms. Erika Connelly will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

An official resolution to this effect will be voted on in Annual Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, July 7.

2. Introduction of Mr. Larry Moore

Mr. Larry Moore will be the next member of the KCPL Board of Directors. The Kanawha County School Board approved his nomination, which will become official July 1, 2023 at the beginning of the new fiscal year. He will replace departing member Ms. Jennifer Pauer and serve a full six-year term.

Ms. Haden introduced Mr. Moore citing his work as a fellow educator at Capital High School, his service on the Charleston City Council, the Keep Your Faith organization, and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Reports of Committees

1. Special Eastern Region

Ms. Connelly explained that a small group of Board and staff members traveled the eastern part of Kanawha County in May, stopping to visit at Glasgow and Marmet and explore the area. The system is working a plan to re-imagine service for this region of the county. This committee will work with Long-Range Planning and roll out suggestions as part of the next five-year long range plan.

2. Long-Range Planning

In the committee's last meeting, Dr. Sullivan stated the next task is "plan for the plan." KCPL staff will prepare the front end of the Long-Range Plan report and bring it to the committee. Mr. Hurney will compile the data from the patron survey.

Ms. Connelly explained that the demographics of respondents skewed much older than the median KCPL patron. In the final week, the library made efforts to encourage more younger people participate. She thanked Dr. Blackwell for promoting it at West Virginia State.

3. Financial Affairs

Mr. Hurney gave a few brief updates. He and a small group of Board Members are planning a meeting with Dr. Williams and the Kanawha County Board of Education to check in with their organization. At the next Financial Affairs meeting, Ms. Connelly will provide the group information on the present finances of the Branches going into FY 23-24.

New Business

Upon a motion made, seconded, and ADOPTED, the Board of Directors confirmed the scheduling of its annual meeting for Friday, July 7th at 9 a.m.

The Board decided it will not hold a regular meeting in July, and will resume all business in its August meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn this meeting. Motion was seconded, and the meeting ADJOURNED at 4:30 PM.