



New Orleans Public Library
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Main Library Board Room
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
4:30 PM

Minutes

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**—Board Chair
- II. **Roll Call**—Board Clerk
 1. Bernard Charbonnet— Present
 2. William A. Settoon – Present
 3. Arnel W. Cosey, Ph.D. – Present
 4. Vonda Flentroy-Rice—Present
 5. Raquel Dufauchard Baptiste—Not Present
 6. Laurance Eustis III – Not Present
 7. Phala Kimbrough Mire – Present
 8. Andrea Neighbours – Present
 9. Duane Stelly— Not Present
 10. Charles Brown, Valeaka Jordan, Jerry Pinkston, John Marc Sharpe, Jessica Styons, Michel Thompson and Lawrence Williams—**Staff Present**
- III. **Action Item: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2016.** The Board Chairman requested motion to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion by A. Cosey. Seconded by W. Settoon. **Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- IV. **Reports**
 1. **NOPL Foundation Report** – the NOPL Foundation president was present to provide an update on the Foundation’s activities. 1. **Comprehensive Financial Review** – the Foundation’s president stated that his organization has just completed its most comprehensive updating of its financial documents which includes completed audits for FYE 2013, 2014 and 2015. Mr. Bob Brown also indicated that the Foundation’s CPA firm will prepare a dashboard visual to assist the Foundation’s board navigation of its fiscal health. The dashboard will be unveiled at the Foundation’s next board meeting. 2. **New Orleans Jazz Orchestra Repayment Plan** – Mr. Bob Brown reported that he and Library Board Chairman Charbonnet met with NOJO Chairman Ron Forman on December 20, 2016 to discuss the repayment plan. Mr. Forman presented Mr. Brown with the first installment payment totaling \$96,600. Foundation President Brown indicated that he was not only pleasantly surprised that he received the payment in the amount agreed but six weeks earlier than contractually mandated. 3. **NOPL Foundation Current Corpus** – Mr. Brown reported that the Library

Foundation's corpus shrank from approximately \$3.4M in 2005 to \$1,220,000 at FYE 2016. It is the Foundation president and its board's desire to begin rebuilding the organization's corpus and rebuild the public's trust.

4. **Strategic Plan** – the Foundation Board is engaging a consultant to help it reorganize the corporate structure of NOPL Foundation to help it plan for the future as a viable organization to better support the Library system. 5.

New Board Member Recruitment – the Board president stated that he is actively recruiting new board members to add to its four member roster. 6.

NOJO Disbursements – Mr. Brown opened the discussion on how to use the funds that the NOJO returns to the NOPL Foundation.

2. **Friends of NOPL Report**—Friends of NOPL President, Courtney Kearney, and Executive Director provided an update on its fiscal health and fundraising activities.

3. **Management Reports-- Fiscal Status**—Michel Thompson provided the Board an overview of the NOPL's current fiscal health and budget status.

V. **Old Business**

1. **Library Board's February Retreat** – Mr. Brown reminded the Board that it will meet at the State Library Board on Saturday, February 4th.

2. **Core Values Video** – John Marc Sharpe replayed the Core Values Video that was first presented during the December 2016 All-Staff meeting.

VI. **New Business**

1. **Introduction of Outreach Coordinator** – the Library Administration appointed Aimee Lohmeyer as the system's Outreach Coordinator.

VII. **Attachments**—the Board Chairman requested the board to review the attachments to the agenda packet.

VIII. **Adjournment**— the Board Chairman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by A. Cosey. Seconded by W. Settoon. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**