



New Orleans Public Library

Board Meeting

Main Library Board Room

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

4:30 p.m.

NOTE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT:

The legal purpose of open meetings is to allow individuals to observe and participate in the deliberations of public bodies. Meetings of public bodies must be open to the public unless closed pursuant to a statutory exception, such as set forth in R.S. 42:16 – 42:18, which authorizes closed executive sessions. Public bodies must provide an opportunity for public comment prior to action on the agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. The governing body may adopt reasonable rules and restrictions regarding the comment period. R.S. 42:14, requires each public body, except school boards, conducting a meeting that is subject to the notice requirement of R.S. 42:19(A), to allow a public comment period prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING:

This meeting is being conducted via teleconference per Executive Order 59-JBE-2020 Section 2.C, which states: “All state agencies, boards and commissions, and local political subdivisions of the state shall continue to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference and such attendance shall be allowed during the pendency of this emergency. All efforts shall be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. Before any meeting conducted pursuant to this section, the state agency, boards and commission, or local political subdivision of the state shall first provide a written certification that it will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements. Such certification shall be posted at the same time and in the same manner as the agenda for the meeting. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to waive any notice requirements.”

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** — (Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire, 1 minute)
- II. **Roll Call** — (Executive Assistant Tammy Hanson, 1 minute)
- III. **Public Comments** — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 2 minutes)
- IV. **Action Item: Approval of Consent Agenda** — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 2 minutes)
 - A. Approve November 10th board meeting minutes
 - B. Executive Committee Meeting
- V. **Information Items**
 - A. NOPL Foundation Report – (Barbara Waiters/Phala Kimbrough-Mire, 5 minutes)
 - B. Friends of NOPL – (Jennifer Kitner, 2 minutes)
 - C. Executive Committee Meeting – (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 3 minutes)
 - D. Executive Director Update – (Dr. Gabriel Morley, 5 minutes)

E. 2020 Performance Report – (Dr. Gabriel Morley, 2 minutes)

F. Financial Report – (Michel Thompson, 2 minutes)

VI. **Discussion Items**

A. Strategic Planning Update (Vonda Flentroy-Rice/Michel Thompson, 10 minutes)

B. Millage Campaign (Phala Kimbrough-Mire, 5 minutes)

VII. **Attachments**

VIII. **Adjournment**

This meeting will be held via ZOOM teleconference. To join:

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