New Orleans Public Library  
Special Board Meeting  
Main Library Board Room  
Tuesday, February 19th, 2019  
4:33 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order — Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire (4:33 p.m.)

II. Roll Call — Executive Assistant Andie Paloutzian (4:34 p.m.)
   Phala Kimbrough Mire, Board Chair — Present
   Vonda Flentroy-Rice, Vice-Chair — Present, arrived after roll call
   Laurance Eustis III, Secretary — Present
   Bernard Charbonnet — Present
   James K. Chassee — Present
   Raquel Dufauchard Baptiste — Not Present
   Mary Moran — Present
   Andrea Neighbours — Present, arrived after roll call
   William A. Settoon — Present
   A quorum was present.
   Staff Present—Jessica Styons, Andie Paloutzian, Michel Thompson, Ross Matthews, Adrienne Strock, April Martin, Laura Bevins, Christina Bryant, Sheila Prevost

III. Public Comments — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 4:34 p.m.)
   • The Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire requested any comments from the public.
     There were none.

IV. Action Item: Approval of Consent Agenda — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 4:35 p.m.)
   • Consent Agenda — Review of January 7th Regular Board Meeting minutes
   • A motion was made by Bernard Charbonnet, and it was seconded by Laurance Eustis III. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

V. Action Item: Approval of Capital Budget Requests — (James Chassee, 4:36 p.m.)
   • A meeting was held with Vince Smith of Capital Projects and James Chassee and Michel Thompson. That department has a March 4th, 2019 deadline. They have asked us for submissions with our choices ranked for urgency.
   • The three projects submitted are:
     1. Louisiana Division and Main Library rehabilitation
     2. The HVAC systems and roofs of the four design-build branches completed in 2012
     3. The potential extension of the Rosa F. Keller Library and Community Center
The city will be issuing dollars following a voter-approved bond sale.

A "motion to approve the Capital Projects requests for 2020-2025" was made by James Chassee, and it was seconded by Bernard Charbonnet. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. Information Item: Appointment of Selection / Search Subcommittee — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 4:48 p.m.)

- Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire requested Bernard Charbonnet head a search / selection subcommittee to make recommendations to the full Board at the March Regular Board Meeting.
- Bernard Charbonnet accepted and named Laurance Eustis III, James Chassee and Raquel Dufauchard Baptiste to assist him on the subcommittee. He invited all Board members to attend meetings and weigh in.

VII. Action Item: Approval of Naming an Interim Director — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 4:53 p.m.)

- Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire nominated Assistant City Librarian / Deputy Director Jessica Styons to serve as interim City Librarian / Executive Director during the time the search / selection subcommittee is conducting its process to name a permanent replacement. A motion to approve was made by William Settoon, and it was seconded by Andrea Neighbours. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Attachments — The Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire requested the Board members to review the attachments to the agenda packet including: the City Librarian / Executive Director working job description, the Steps for Hiring from the State Library, Capital Projects documentation and the January 7th Regular Board Meeting minutes.

IX. Adjournment — the Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Andrea Neighbours. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote. The February 19th, 2019 meeting adjourned at approximately 5:06 p.m.

APPROVED: 

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DATE: 2/19/19