

Minutes
Board of Library Trustees Meeting
August 9th, 2018
Main Library Conference Center
Jacksonville Public Library
303 North Laura Street

Present:

Ronnie King II, Chair
Tim J. Anderson, Vice-Chair
Sybil Ansbacher, Foundation Liaison
Jill Langford Dame, Secretary
Marc Hardesty, Trustee
Celia Nass, Trustee
Mario Payne, Trustee

Absent:

Carlo Fassi, Trustee (joined via phone)
Guy K. Anderson, Trustee
Charlie Kleeman, Trustee
Jackie Perry, Trustee
Gerald Reid, Trustee

Staff:

Tim Rogers, Director
Julie McNeil, Assistant Director, Public Services
Gretchen Mitchell, Assistant Director, Support Services
Chuck McNeil, Assistant Director, Finance & Administrative Services
Raymond Albury, Assistant Director, Facilities Management and Planning
Chris Boivin, Assistant Director, Community Relations and Marketing
Andrew Herron, Executive Assistant to Director
Richard Mott, Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Keli Likins, Manager, Southeast Region
Michael Sullivan, Manager, Pablo Creek Region

Others Present:

Hon. Jim Love, Board Liaison, Jacksonville City Council
Tia Leathers, Board Liaison, DCPS
Dr. Johnny Gaffney, Mayor's Liaison
Ryan Traher, ECA Hon. Tommy Hazouri, Board Liaison, Jacksonville City Council
Jim McCain, Office of the General Counsel
Jamie Self, Executive Director, Jacksonville Public Library Foundation

Margaret Smith, Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library
Judy Klein, Friends of the Murray Hill Library

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests

Board Chair Ronnie King called the meeting to order shortly after 12N.

2. Honors and Recognition

Chair King and Library Director Tim Rogers honored JPL's Employee of the Quarter, Monte Latham, Library Associate at the San Marco Library. They also recognized for meritorious service JPL employees Theresa Bascom, Leona Cain, Mildred Roton, Mina Figuerrez, Stephanie Harley, Erin Tuzuner, Kenya Coleman, Stacey Van Hoy, Caroline Williams, Hurley Winkler, Alexandra Bishop, Jay Brasfield, Gio Linatoc, Christine Rogers, and Tia Samuels.

Chair King thanked Trustee Sybil Ansbacher and the Ansbacher family for their continued contributions to the library, which have made possible the Ansbacher Map Room at the Main Library and the interactive touch-screen display monitor recently acquired for the room, making it possible for visitors to view historic maps in greater detail.

3. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Marc Hardesty moved to approve the Board minutes of July 12th, 2018.

Trustee Jill Langford Dame seconded the motion. Approved.

4. Chair's Report and Budget Discussion

Chair King updated trustees on events of relevance to the Board. He thanked Mayor Lenny Curry, who on July 23rd announced his proposed budget for 2019, including funds to bring all libraries up to 6-day-a-week service, to keep the collection budget at its 2018 level, to bring part-time salaries in line with full-time salaries, to acquire land and conduct preliminary design on an Oceanway Library, and to study what improvements are necessary to meet the needs of customers in the system's Urban Core branches.

5. Director's Report

Director Rogers highlighted his monthly report to the Board, which was provided in written form. He noted the interest expressed recently by Council Member Daniel Becton in what would be necessary to extend midweek hours of service at the Southeast Regional Library. He also noted the developing partnership between the library and the University of North Florida to archive materials being donated by the Florida Times Union. Regarding the library's staff, he mentioned the creation of an Assistant Director for Learning Services position.

6. Business

-Slate of Board Officers for 2019

In order to provide a slate of nominees for Board Offices in Board Year 2019,

Trustee Marc Hardesty recommended the approval of the following slate of nominees:

-Ronnie King for Chair,

-Tim Anderson for Vice-Chair,

-Jill Langford Dame for Board Secretary.
Trustee Dame seconded the motion. Approved.

7. Committee Reports

Committee Chairs and trustees reported on their latest areas of discussion (business item listed above), and Foundation Executive Director Dr. Jamie Self discussed recent and upcoming efforts of the Foundation.

8. Mayor's Office and Ex-Officio Reports

City Council Member Jim Love, Tia Leathers of Duval County Public Schools, Mayoral Liaison Dr. Johnny Gaffney, and City Council ECA to Tommy Hazouri Ryan Traher reported on their areas of activity.

9. Friends Reports

Friends groups reported on their recent and upcoming areas of activity.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 13, 2018.