MINUTES

Mississippi Library Commission Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Date: March 26, 2024

Location: 3881 Eastwood Drive

Jackson, Mississippi, 39211

Board of Commissioners (BOC) Present: Stephen Cunetto, Ann Marsh, Becky Wright, Lori Barnes, Jolee Hussey

Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) Staff Present: Hulen Bivins, Jennifer Lena, Lynn Burris, Tracy Carr

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:00 am Chair Hussey called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Guest: Jonathon Dennis, Special Assistant Attorney General

AGENDA

Recommendation:

Adopt agenda as presented.

Motion:

Stephen Cunetto; Second: Lori Barnes

Action:

Unanimously Approved

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Recommendation:

Approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 23, 2024

Motion:

Stephen Cunetto; Second: Ann Marsh

Action:

Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hulen Bivins reported on the various activities in the agency and new projects and programs offered by MLC.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Executive Director Jennifer Lena provided the Deputy Executive Report, with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

LIBRARY SERVICES BUREAU REPORT

Deputy Director Tracy Carr delivered the Library Services Report, with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU REPORT

Deputy Director Lynn Burris provided the Administrative Services Report, with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

MLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Deputy Director Lynn Burris provided an overview of the Financials.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation: Approve a Personnel Incentive Grant Waiver Request for Educational Requirements for Carroll County Public Library System.

Motion:

Ann Marsh; Second; Becky Wright

Action:

Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: Approve a Personnel Incentive Grant Waiver Request for Educational Requirements for Kemper-Newton Regional Library System.

Motion:

Lori Barnes; Second; Ann Marsh

Action:

Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: Approve the revised MLC Employee Manual.

Motion:

Ann Marsh; Second; Becky Wright

Action:

Unanimously Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommendation: Chair Hussey called for a motion for the Board to consider entering into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-4(k)

Motion:

Ann Marsh; Second; Stephen Cunetto

Action:

Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: Chair Hussey made a Recommendation to enter into executive session

Motion:

Lori Barnes; Second; Becky Wright

Action:

Unanimously Approved

Board goes into Executive Session

Recommendation: Award a salary increase of 5% for the Executive Director effective June 1. 2024.

Motion:

Ann Marsh; Second; Becky Wright

Action:

Unanimously Approved

Recommendation:

Close executive session and move to open meeting

Motion:

Lori Barnes; Second; Ann Marsh

Action:

Unanimously Approved

Board returns to Open Meeting

Chair Hussey announced that the Board approved awarding a salary increase of 5% for the Executive Director effective June 1, 2024, during the executive session.

ADJOURN

Recommendation: Adjourn meeting at 12:50 pm

Motion:

Ann Marsh; Second; Lori Barnes

Action:

Unanimously Approved

Becky Wright, Board Secretary

Date