



**New Orleans Public Library**  
Board Meeting  
ZOOM Teleconference  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
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.

**\*PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL\***

**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, Vonda Flentroy-Rice, 1 minute)
- II. **Roll Call** — (Executive Assistant Tammy Hanson, 1 minute)
- III. **Public Comments** — (Vonda Flentroy-Rice, 2 minutes)
- IV. **Action Item: Approval of Consent Agendas** — (Vonda Flentroy-Rice, 2 minutes)
  - A. Approve November 9, 2021 board meeting minutes
  - B. Approve November 28, 2021 special board meeting minutes
  - C. Review Executive Committee January 11, 2022 meeting minutes

- V. **Information Items**
  - A. Board Chair’s Recognition of the Millage Campaign Contributors – (Vonda Flentroy-Rice, 2 minutes)
  - B. NOPL Foundation Report – (Demetric Mercadel, 5 minutes)
  - C. Friends of NOPL – (Jennifer Kitner, 2 minutes)
  - D. Executive Director Update/Introduction of new board member Alexis Parent-Ferrouillet – (Emily Painton, 5 minutes)
  - E. 2021 Performance Report – (Jane LeGros, 2 minutes)
  - F. Financial Report – (Michel Thompson, 2 minutes)
  
- VI. **Discussion Items**
  - A. Hiring Rate for Librarians --(Emily Painton, 3 minutes)
  
- VII. **Action Item: Approval of Rate Increase for Librarians** -- (Vonda Flentroy-Rice, 2 minutes)
  
- VIII. **Attachments**
  - A. Board Packet
  
- IX. **Adjournment**

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