



New Orleans Public Library
Special Board Meeting
Zoom Teleconference
Saturday, February 12, 2022
9:00 a.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.”

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- A.** Board Chair, Vonda Flentroy-Rice called the February 12, 2022 Special Board Meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

II. Roll Call — (9:13 a.m.)

Board Members Present: Raquel Dufauchard, Vonda Flentroy-Rice, Andrea Neighbours, Dana Henry, Phala Kimbrough Mire, Daniel Tapia, Justin Ross-Hillard and Alexis Parent-Ferrouillet
Retreat Facilitator Present – Rebecca Hamilton, Louisiana State Librarian

III. Public Comments — (9:14 a.m.)

A. There were no public comments

IV. Board Retreat — Rebecca Hamilton (9:15 a.m.)

A. Presented the State Library of Louisiana Public Library Trustee Training including the following discussion items:

- 1 Governmental Structure
- 2 Board Roles and Responsibilities
- 3 Governance vs. Management
- 4 Laws & Ethics
- 5 Open Meetings
- 6 Public Records and Confidentiality
- 7 Employment Laws
- 8 Other Laws
- 9 Ethics
- 10 Board Relationships
- 11 Resources

B. New Orleans Library Executive Director Search Process

- 1 Rebecca Hamilton will provide resources on the search process and offered to provide guidance as needed.
- 2 At the next Board Meeting, an Executive Director Search Committee will be formed. Phala Kimbrough Mire will serve as Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee.

V. Adjournment

A. Ms. Flentroy-Rice made a motion to adjourn the February 12, 2022 special board meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Henry. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

Andrea Neighbours, Board Secretary