



New Orleans Public Library
Special Board Meeting
Main Library, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Monday, August 15, 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.

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Board chair, Vonda Flentroy-Rice called the August 15, 2022 Special Board meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

- II. **Roll Call (4:42 p.m.)**

Board Members Present: Vonda Flentroy-Rice, Andrea Neighbours, Kathleen Coverick, Justin Ross-Hilliard

Board Members Absent: Daniel Tapia, Dana Henry, Raquel Dufauchard, Phala Kimbrough-Mire, Alexis Parent-Ferrouillet

NOPL Staff Present: Emily Painton, Tammy Hanson, Michel Thompson

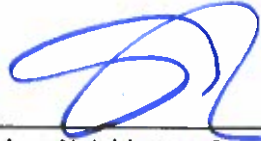
- III. **Public Comments (4:43 p.m.)**
 - A. There were no public comments

- IV. **Review of NOPL 2023 Budget (4:44 p.m.)**
 - A. The previously proposed \$3 million toward strategic planning has increased to \$4 million due to carryovers from 2022. We have put a deposit on a book vending machine for the Desire-Florida location.
 - B. Fund balance dollars will mainly be used for one-time purchases, technology upgrades, and building upgrades and will include a base savings of \$8m for emergencies.
 - C. Specifics on personnel expenditures are not included because the City accounting department has not released that information as of meeting date. Ms. Thompson estimates personnel costs to be approximately \$16 million for 2023.

VII. **Adjournment**

A. Ms. Flentroy-Rice moved to adjourn the August 15, 2022 special board meeting at 5:18 p.m. Motion was seconded by Justin Ross-Hilliard. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED: _____



Andrea Neighbours, Secretary

DATE: _____

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