



New Orleans Public Library
Executive Committee Meeting
3rd Floor Conference Room MAIN Library
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
4:30 PM

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.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
Board Chair, Vonda Flentroy-Rice called the September 13, 2022 Executive Committee meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – (4:39 p.m.)**
Present: Chair, Vonda Flentroy-Rice; Treasurer, Kathleen Coverick; Secretary, Andrea Neighbours
Members Absent: Board Vice-Chair, Dana Henry
NOPL Staff Present: Emily Painton
- III. Public Comment – (4:40 p.m.)**
There were no public comments
- IV. State of the Library – (4:41 p.m.)**
 - a. Ms. Painton shared that New Assistant Director Tamyka Miles will start on 11.14.2022. Ms. Flentroy-Rice suggested a gathering of board members to meet and welcome Ms. Miles on 11.17.2022. Committee members present agreed.
 - b. Ms. Painton shared that the Library is currently down 42 public facing positions compared to our pre-Covid staffing numbers. We continue to interview and offer positions as quickly as we can in order to expand our hours. In the past couple of weeks, 11 library associate positions were offered. There are also upcoming interviews for assistant manager positions. There are currently 6 open positions for assistant managers in the branches.

- c. There was a lot of great press for Crescent City Sounds, which launched in October, including national coverage on NPR.
- d. Press Conference at the Library, announcing the partnership between NOPL and New Orleans Tourism Cultural Fund
- e. Press Conference at the Library, celebrating ongoing partnership between YMCA Educational Services, Entergy, and NOPL.
- f. Ms. Painton presented to Friends of the Library Board. It was a positive and productive meeting.
- g. NOPL will be presenting at the City Council Budget Hearings on 11.11.2022.
- h. All Locations currently open, except some on and off HVAC issues at AR and NM. Still waiting on roof repairs at MC to make the offices usable.
- i. Continuing to work with City toward appraisals for possible locations to purchase in the Lower 9th Ward and Mid City.
- j. Reach Center: Work has begun on branding and signage, as well as planning furnishings and layout with Library Interiors.
- k. Ms. Neighbours suggested the Board discuss a plan for the Archives in the January meeting, perhaps creating a special committee. Ms. Painton suggested we invite Christian Bryant from the Archives to present at the January meeting so that board members could hear more about the opportunity.
- l. Ms. Neighbours expressed concerns about the struggle to obtain a quorum at recent board meetings. Ms. Coverick agreed.
- m. A general discussion began about a reset for the new year, including setting regular meeting dates the Strategic Planning Committee, the formation of an Archives Planning Committee, voting on the meeting room and photo policies, as well as an update to the board bylaws. All present agreed that these were good ideas for the January Board Meeting.

V. Review of Regular Board Meeting Agenda – (5:24 p.m.)

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Flentroy-Rice moved to adjourn and Ms. Kathleen Coverick seconded the motion. The September 13, 2022 board meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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