

**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**June 3, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Argiro Morgan. Additional members in attendance included Evelyn Valore, Louis Covington and Georgia Brown. Tony Clesi, Patricia Preis, and Paulette Holahan were absent. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Argiro Morgan called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was offered by Evelyn Valore and seconded by Louis Covington and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Louis Covington and seconded by Evelyn Valore, the minutes were approved.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Hamilton reported on the Louisiana Library Association and the Legislative session. A discuss was held about budget cuts the State Library has experienced and how they will impact the public libraries in the future. Georgia Brown pointed out that the larger parishes would be able to absorb the loss of state funding while the smaller, more rural parishes would not. Hamilton agreed and the board discussed those parishes that might need special help in the event the State Library loses even more funding and staff.

A discussion was also held about the recent layoffs and how the work of those positions has been reallocated to other existing positions increasing the overall workload of staff who are already doing the work of multiple positions.

Hamilton provided information on the upcoming waiver letter that the State Library will submit in August due to not meeting the maintenance of effort for the 4th year in a row. She reminded the board that we have been submitting waiver requests each year since 2010 because we have lost state funding and IMLS believes that the State Library was disproportionately cut as compared to other agencies within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

A long discussion was held about the hard work done by the State Library of Louisiana staff during very difficult circumstances. They are 48 employees doing the work of 78 and they are working extra hard with no complaint.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The group selected the next meeting date to be Thursday, August 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor of the State Library in the Capitol View Room.

Dr. Argiro Morgan made motion to adjourn and Louis Covington approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 11:31am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Dr. Argiro Morgan, Chair
State Library Board of Commissioners