

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

November 1, 2019

Baton Rouge, La

6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair Georgia Brown. Additional members in attendance included Louis Covington, David Johnson, James Lee, Argiro Morgan, Evelyn Valore, and Gail Waters. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brown called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was offered by Brown, seconded by Johnson, and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Brown and seconded by Morgan, the minutes were approved as written.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

A discussion was held regarding the State Library's Maintenance of Effort requirement. Library Board Chair, Georgia Brown, showed concern that while state's overall budget has increased, the State Library budget has not and in fact, it has decreased with the loss of federal money.

Hamilton told the board that Amanda Taylor and Meg Placke needed to be reappointed to the State Board of Library Examiners. Johnson made a motion to that effect and Valore seconded it.

Hamilton noted that interviews would be held for the Public Information Director position after the Book Festival. The Lt Governor requested this position be restored to the State Library, the legislature approved it, it went through the internal DCRT approval process, was advertised by DCRT and they received and vetted 40 applications. State Library staff selected 10 candidates to interview.

OLD BUSINESS

Hamilton handed out the Louisiana Book Festival programs and merchandise list to the board and gave a brief fun down of activities for the next day.

Hamilton had Brown sign her State Library Board of Commissioners reappointment documents with Notary, Jason Placke, present to notarize with witnesses.

Lee commended the entire State Library staff regarding their professionalism and energy level. He wanted to recognize the fact that despite being so short-staffed and overworked, and often un-recognized for their efforts, there is a noticeable vibrancy in the staff that is unquestionable and that comes from the top. Hamilton thanked him and gave all credit for the State Library's accomplishments to her staff. She noted that her entire team work hard to provide the best services they can without regard for gettings credit. Waters agreed and reiterated the need for the State Library board members to acknowledge and commend staff members with hand written notes whenever they can.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held February 19, 2020 to coincide with the State Library's annual Black History Month program.

ADJOURNMENT

Brown made the motion to adjourn and Valore approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Georgia Brown, Chair
State Library Board of Commissioners