

LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING



July 13, 2023

Board Present: Andre Jordan, President; Helen Cox, Vice-President; Cristina Cray, Secretary; Jessica Rubinkowski; Geoff Pettys; Mary Mucciante; Marty Ryan

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: Kathryn Harris, Interim Director; Emily Stone, Assistant Director

President Jordan called the meeting to order at 12:01pm

Roll was called.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 6th Special Board meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes, with a typo correction on page two, unanimously carried.

Director's Report:

General Updates

- Ms. Harris commented that she is near the halfway mark of her contract.
- The city has received 2 applications/resumes for the library's Director position. This position has been posted with ILA, ALA Spectrum Scholars, Illinois Heartland Library System, RAILS Library System, Dominican University, and UIUC. It has not yet been posted to the City of Springfield's website.

- Stephanie Martin has started in her position of Sangamon Valley Collection manager. Her former position is being posted.
- Assistant Director Emily Stone gave a presentation to the SSGA.
- Staff is holding a Chuck-A-Duck Fundraiser for the Library Cares fund.
- The library received 2 applications for the CoLab Manager but neither were qualified. The position is being reposted.

President's Report:

President Jordan stated that he appreciates everyone's dedication and commitment to attending the special meetings. He also offered kudos to staff on their Juneteenth programming.

Unfinished Business: Geoff Pettys submitted for review a draft of the letter to be read to the Springfield City Council at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. There were a few small grammatical suggestions. There was some debate on whether the statement was too long and some editing was done to clarify and condense the statement. It was noted that it was under 900 words and could be read within the 5 minute time limit allotted. Mr Pettys reiterated that the goal was not to attack, but to clarify the role of the Board and to ensure that we were in compliance with the Board bylaws as well as city code.

A motion was made to approve the letter/statement to City Council and the motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:31pm

