

CARSON CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LBOT)

**Minutes of the
October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting
Page 1**

A regular meeting of the Carson City Library Board of Trustees was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2022 in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Julie Knight
Vice Chair Beth Lucas
Trustee Elizabeth Markle
Trustee Sarena Nichols
Trustee Jonathon Olivas

STAFF: Joy Holt, Library Director
Jason Woodbury, District Attorney
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the Library Board’s agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Public Meetings Division of the Carson City Clerk’s Office, during regular business hours. For minutes and audio recordings of this Board’s meetings, please visit www.carson.org/minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

(5:32:17) – Chairperson Knight called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:32:42) – Chairperson Knight entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

III. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

III.a FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (SEPTEMBER 22, 2022).

(5:33:07) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item and entertained modifications and/or a motion.

(5:33:30) – MOTION: Trustee Markle moved to approve the September 22, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Vice Chairperson Lucas seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Chairperson Knight abstaining, as she was absent during the September 22, 2022 LBOT meeting.

IV. FOR INFORMATION ONLY – FRIENDS OF THE CARSON CITY LIBRARY REPORT

IV.a INFORMATION ONLY - FOCCL REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF THE FRIENDS AND A SYNOPSIS OF THEIR PAST/PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

(5:33:54) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item. Friends of the Carson City Library (FOCCL) President Sena Loyd introduced herself, briefly provided some background on the FOCCL, and presented a PowerPoint Slideshow to highlight the following:

CARSON CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LBOT)

Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Page 2

- The FOCCL have some restricted funding for a building fund, which may not be used for modifications to the current Library building.
- Project grant requests submitted by the Library Director for 2023 include for the Capital City Reads, the Summer Learning Program, and the Digital Collection Expansion, all of which would need to be approved during the next FOCCL meeting.
- It is unlikely that the FOCCL would fund any expenditures traditionally covered by the City and for traditional Library services.
- The FOCCL's individual/family memberships include Basic at \$20, Sponsor at \$50, Benefactor at \$100+, and Memorial at \$100+, and the business/corporate memberships include Contributing at \$100, Supporting at \$250, and Sustaining at \$500. Additionally, the memberships allow for members to receive discounts in the Browsers Corner Bookstore, which is the FOCCL's primary and only current fundraising source, although the FOCCL has organized events in the past.
- FOCCL volunteer opportunities include the Browsers Corner Bookstore and the FOCCL Board of Directors, with nominations open for President, Treasurer, a one-year vacant partial term for Secretary, Committee Chair (such as the vacant Fundraising Committee Chair), and Committee Members.

Ms. Loyd indicated that the FOCCL may be contacted at the email friendsinfo@friendsofcclibrary.org and responded to the Trustees' clarifying questions. In response to Chairperson Knight's question regarding how the Trustees could assist the FOCCL, Ms. Loyd recommended gaining the knowledge from the FOCCL meetings, working through Ms. Holt, reaching out to the FOCCL if there is an "ask" or need that may be addressed by the FOCCL, and engaging with the FOCCL Chairs to exchange knowledge. She also noted that the FOCCL ensures that nothing is censored at the Library, and she believed it was important to remember that there are members of the community who advocate on behalf of "knowledge for all, no matter what that knowledge might be."

V. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS

V.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO PREVIOUSLY TABLED ITEM; TO DRAFT AND SUBMIT A BDR (BILL DRAFT REQUEST) FOR THE NEVADA 82ND LEGISLATIVE SESSION, REGARDING THE COST OF E-LENDING RESOURCES.

(5:53:01) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item and provided an update to the Board, which included that Chairperson Knight had raised the issue of whether the cost of E-lending resources was a "good" use of public funds during the interim session to the Nevada Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs. She added that interim committees had the option to add a Bill Draft Request (BDR) sponsored by the committee and not by an individual legislator, and the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs did not grant a BDR. She noted that, based on her understanding, addressing the cost of E-learning resources through the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) to sponsor a BDR was "a no go." Ms. Holt indicated that NATO's deadline was September 1, 2022, and the Trustees would need to "get very much ahead" of the legislators' deadlines, which could be done by working with the City's Public Information Officer (PIO). She believed that it was critical to involve the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records (NSLAPR) in the matter and suggested discussing the matter with the Nevada Library Cooperative. Chairperson Knight stated that she contacted an individual on the Nevada Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs several times after that individual showed some interest in a BDR. She supported contacting the Nevada Library Cooperative to potentially find "folks who are available to bend ears and explain the situation." She commented that it was "troubling" how a Library could not traditionally develop a collection of E-lending resources, since those resources are obtained by paying subscriptions instead of "gathering anything." Chairperson Knight also responded to clarifying questions.

CARSON CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LBOT)

Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Page 3

(6:00:36) – Trustee Markle commented that many OverDrive subscriptions have different price points for keeping electronic materials longer or indefinitely, and many libraries would not have any use for certain books after the initial timeframe.

(6:02:06) – Chairperson Knight pointed out that electronic materials costed triple or quadruple the price of hardcopy/paper materials, which were based on what the market paid. Ms. Holt stated that the metered access for electronic materials “has grown and grown,” and far more “titles” were metered compared to the year 2017. Trustee Markle noted that the cost for electronic materials was “a supply and demand issue,” and the demand for online books through the COVID-19 pandemic had “skyrocketed.” Additionally, an author selling 1,000 electronic copies of a book would expect more money than an author selling 250 copies of a book.

(6:11:21) – Trustee Nichols stated that the Board may be overlooking the Library patrons as potential advocates and suggested including fliers at the Library to inform the Library’s visitors on the issue.

(6:12:37) – Ms. Holt pointed out that the Nevada Library Association may be an “excellent” resource, although she also added that the Nevada Library Association may be recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. She agreed with Trustee Nichols’ input, and Trustee Nichols suggested adding “a blurb” on the Library’s website describing the matter or explaining why the availability of specific online books has expired along with an explanation of the LBOT’s efforts to address the cost of E-lending resources. No formal action was taken on this item.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY – LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPRESENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

VI.a INFORMATION ONLY -- PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF REPORTS CONCERNING ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY SINCE THE PRESENTATION OF THE LAST REPORT.

(6:19:36) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item. Ms. Holt referenced the agenda materials and responded to clarifying questions.

(6:27:53) – Trustee Markle mentioned a friend of hers having attended the “Author Talk” with Kendra Atleework at the Library on October 24, 2022 with only six attendees present, and Trustee Markle noted that she had not seen any advertising for the event. Ms. Hold indicated that the event was advertised on all the Library’s social media pages and offered to post advertisements for such events more often as well as include larger fliers in the Library. Trustee Markle also commented about how older individuals may not read Facebook, or social media may not be “as much a part of their lives.” Ms. Holt indicated that the Library’s Programming and Outreach Coordinator had a plan for more traditional marketing for those individuals who were not active on social media. Trustee Markle suggested contacting the Nevada Appeal approximately a month ahead of Library activities to publish those activities as content.

VII. INFORMATION ONLY – BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

(6:50:11) – Chairperson Knight entertained Trustee announcements and requests for information. Ms. Holt informed the Trustees that the next LBOT meeting was scheduled for December 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:52:23) – Chairperson Knight entertained public comments. Referencing agenda item V.A, Ms. Loyd commented

CARSON CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LBOT)

Minutes of the

October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting

Page 4

that the Douglas County Library in Colorado formed its own “essentially like OverDrive” for indie books and worked with authors to produce indie books eight to 10 years ago. She believed that the Nevada Library Association has historically lobbied for and on behalf of libraries and noted that there were ways to get funding. She offered to discuss what could be done for the matter, and she stated that the most success with the matter could be on the federal level to try to regulate the cost of the E-lending resources for libraries. Ms. Loyd also informed the Trustees that Senator Dina Neal’s tax bill would be reintroduced during the upcoming session of the Nevada Legislature, and based on how the legislation was written, libraries would have to pay taxes on digital resources, which would “greatly decrease” the ability of libraries to purchase any E-lending resource.

(6:56:05) – Trustee Nichols reminded those present at the meeting that Saturday, October 29, 2022 was Nevada Day, and the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum was organizing an event starting from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., during which many of its “older alumni” were invited to attend with some of their artifacts. Additionally, prizes and games would be offered, and an author would be present for the event. She added that Samantha Williams, who wrote her dissertation on the history of the Stewart Indian School, was possibly attending the event.

IX. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – ADJOURNMENT

(6:57:29) – Chairperson Knight adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Carson City Library Board of Trustees meeting are so approved this 1st day of December 2022.