

CARSON CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (LBOT)

Minutes of the

October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Library Board of Trustees was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023 in the Carson City Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

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

STAFF: Joy Holt, Library Director
Briana Munoz, Public Meetings Clerk

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I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

(5:31:07) – Chairperson Knight called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:31:39) – Chairperson Knight entertained public comments. Deni French introduced himself as a Carson City resident. He commented on a matter that was brought up on National Public Radio regarding banned books and referenced the last LBOT meeting where the Board discussed the Library mural and stated “I know that was part of your considerations for the mural as to either name them or title them as subjects or by author and I know there’s people who wouldn’t want to put Mark Twain on it but he’s in a lot of banned book situations right now.” Mr. French added that he appreciated the Board and the Library.

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

III.a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (SEPTEMBER 14, 2023).

(5:33:58) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item and entertained changes, comments, and a motion.

(5:34:15) – **MOTION:** Trustee Markle moved to approve the September 14, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Nichols seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Trustee Lucas abstaining, as she was not present during the September 14, 2023, meeting.

IV. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

IV.a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON CITY LIBRARY HOSTING AN AFTER-HOURS WELCOME RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE 75TH ANNUAL NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE ATTENDEES.

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(5:34:43) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item. Ms. Holt referenced the Staff Report. She also responded to clarifying questions.

(5:41:48) – MOTION: Trustee Olivas moved to approve the Carson City Library hosting an after-hours welcome reception on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. for the 75th Annual Nevada Library Association Conference Attendees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lucas and carried 5-0.

IV.b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE UPDATES TO THE 2019-2024 CARSON CITY LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN, BY THE CARSON CITY LIBRARY CONSULTANT DR. FRED STEINMANN.

(5:42:18) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item and referenced the Staff Report. Ms. Holt responded to clarifying questions. Ms. Holt stated that Carson City Library Consultant Dr. Fred Steinman would like to go over changes at the Library, US Census Bureau data, and the Strategic Plan. She asked the Board if they were willing to schedule his presentation in December since LBOT will be in the Bonanza Room for the November meeting. Trustee Nichols expressed support for waiting until December for the presentation.

(5:46:27) – MOTION: Trustee Lucas moved to invite Dr. Steinmann to the December meeting of the Carson City Library Board of Trustees for discussion of the Annual Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nichols and carried 5-0.

V. INFORMATION ONLY - LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPRESENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

V.a. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY- ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR CONSISTING OF REPORTS CONCERNING GENERAL FUND, GIFT FUND, GRANTS, STAFFING UPDATES, PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023, AND UPDATES ON CARSON CITY LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES SINCE THE PREVIOUS REPORTS.

(5:46:50) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item. Ms. Holt reported on the following:

- Both Library Assistant positions have been filled. Amanda Conken started on September 26, 2023 and Chenay Pointer started on October 9, 2023.
- The Circulation Supervisor position has been posted internally.
- The second round of Library Clerk position and shelver position interviews are pending.

(5:51:35) – Ms. Holt responded to clarifying questions regarding part-time positions. She reported on the following:

- Parenting classes with Cathy Mello of the Children’s Cabinet of Reno are scheduled for October 12 and 26, 2023 at 12 p.m.
- The Library is celebrating National Fossil Day with a fossil-finding scavenger hunt from October 11 through October 31, 2023.
- A National Pasta Day macaroni art program will be held on October 16, 2023.
- Medicare Options program with Mike Coleson will be held on October 17 and 27, 2023 with each day having two sessions at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- A Saturday Scaries writing workshop with Kelsey Penrose and Corrine Ballendorf is scheduled for October, 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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- Classic Disney characters will be this year's Halloween theme at the Library.
- The Library mural has been completed. Ms. Holt stated that there has been mixed feedback on the mural and added that it was "pretty" and "bright."

(6:02:44) –Trustee Markle said that other murals throughout the City had a Nevada history connection and that the Library mural didn't have "much to it." Ms. Holt stated that the Library mural was the only mural on a public building. Chairperson Knight noted that it was raining while the artist was painting the mural and said that she was happy to see it was completed.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY - BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

(6:05:18) – Chairperson Knight introduced the item and entertained Trustee announcements and requests for information. Trustee Markle announced that the Nevada Poet Laureate Gailmarie Pahmeier will speak at the Carson City Senior Center on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 12:30pm. She added that Charlie Abowd will speak at the Senior Center on December 12.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:08:09) – Chairperson Knight entertained public comments. Mr. French said he appreciated public libraries and felt they weren't as "well supported in some ways as the government would like." He stated, "I think that's a shame and we've got to work on our legislatures and people in office." Mr. French commented on the library's "enhancement of children's education" and said he is delighted to see the interaction between children and their parents when picking out a book. He expressed appreciation for the Library's "bright and lively" decoration.

VIII. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – ADJOURNMENT

(6:11:08) – Chairperson Knight adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

The Minutes of the October 12, 2023, Carson City Library Board of Trustees meeting are so approved this 9th day of November 2023.