

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
North Little Rock Public Library
Special Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 6 PM

The Board met in Laman Library Room 126 with Zoom access provided. Mr. Sonny Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Mr. Sonny Rhodes, President; Ms. Esther Crawford; and Ms. Jenny Heard. Also present: Ms. Stacy Purdy and Ms. Robin Campbell. Mr. Charley Baxter, Ms. Joyce Brewer, and Ms. Katie Phippin joined remotely. Motion Ms. Crawford, second Mr. Baxter to excuse the absence of Ms. Kim Drake. The motion passed unanimously.

Current discussions with Winrock International include having two agreements, one for the lease with option to purchase the immovable property located at 204 E. 4th Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas, and the second agreement to convey management of the Innovation Hub, including novating all grants and conveying movable property, staff, and management of programs and services. Following a discussion of the proposed partnership between the Library and Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub, an affiliate of Winrock International, motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Brewer to rescind prior authorization to purchase The Hub. Motion carried unanimously. Motion Ms. Heard, second Ms. Brewer to authorize a lease with option to purchase the Hub, its equipment, and all related movable property. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Brewer to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously. Motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Heard to exit Executive Session with no action having been taken. Motion carried unanimously. Motion Ms. Heard, second Ms. Phippin to increase the Executive Director's salary from \$107,000 to \$132,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rhodes mentioned during Board Member Comments how wonderful it was seeing everything going on in the Children's Department when he arrived. Ms. Gates invited everyone to sign up for this year's Summer Adventure and visit Argenta Library to see the excellent Arkansas adventure murals and summer décor. Ms. Crawford noted that a long-time friend who is also a regular patron has nothing but praise for the library.

The next regular meeting is set for July 15, 2024.

With no further business to discuss, motion Ms. Brewer, second Ms. Phippin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Crystal Gates, Secretary