

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
North Little Rock Public Library
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

The Board met in Laman Library's Room 126 with Zoom access provided. Mr. Sonny Rhodes called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Mr. Sonny Rhodes, President; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Esther Crawford, Ms. Kim Drake, Ms. Jenny Heard, and Ms. Katie Phippin. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Stacy Purdy, and Ms. Robin Campbell. Mr. Adam Branscum, Ms. Susie Kirk, Mr. Cameron Sharp, Ms. Lacy Wolfe, Mr. Robert Rumpf, and Ms. Shannon Hicks joined remotely. Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Phippin to excuse the absence of Ms. Joyce Brewer. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Drake to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2024, March 29, 2024, and April 10, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gate gave an overview of the Financial Report, including May property tax disbursement. Motion Ms. Drake, second Ms. Phippin to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Theilig reviewed the Statistical Report. Ms. Drake asked how statistics for use of Laman Library Studio equipment was collected. Motion Ms. Phippin, second Ms. Crawford to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Executive Summary Report, including her PTO, recent meeting schedule, upcoming events, and planned conference attendance. Motion Ms. Drake, second Ms. Heard to accept the Executive Summary Report.

Following discussion of the proposed \$2.5 million acquisition by the Library of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub, an affiliate of Winrock International, motion Ms. Heard, second Ms. Phippin for authorizing the Executive Director to proceed with the acquisition of the Innovation Hub according to the terms presented. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Rhodes expressed appreciation for Ms. Gates' thoroughness and hard work.

Ms. Gates announced upcoming events, including Third Friday Art Walks on June 21 and July 19; Summer Adventure Kickoff at Argenta Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 8; All Aboard for Adventure at Laman Library 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 7-8; and the End of Summer Celebration at Laman Library from 4 to 6 p.m. on July 25.

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

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

Crystal Gates, Secretary