

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Control

Monday, March 16, 2020

Reserve Branch

Norris J Millet Sr, LaPlace Branch

Meeting Room

5:00pm

Mrs. Wilder presided at the meeting and so called the meeting to order at 5pm and called for the roll to be taken.

Present: Mrs. Arlie, Ms. Burrell, Mrs. Coy, Ms. Wilder

Absent: Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Tatje and Mr. Madere. There was a quorum present.

Others present: Andrea Tullos, Library Director and Secretary to the Board and Assistant District Attorney Henri Dufresne, Purnell Brewer – Systems Librarian

III. Mrs. Wilder welcomed Amy Riche', Assistant Library Director to the Library System. Ms. Tullos shared a little of Ms. Riche's background of 20+ years of library experience and how much her expertise will assist our system. Ms. Riche' also expressed how impressed she is with our staff and the direction of the system.

IV. Mrs. Wilder then called for public comment. If there were people present for public comment, they would be allowed to speak to items on the printed agenda with a time limit of 2 minutes. Being no one is present for the public comment, Mrs. Wilder moved onto the next item on the agenda.

V. There being no Old Business, Mrs. Wilder moved to New Business

VI. COVID-19

Ms. Wilder asked that we keep questions to a minimum and to move this process along quickly to keep our social distance and also to ensure we are limiting exposure.

Ms. Tullos shared the document regarding updates, local library closures and her recommendations. Ms. Wilder recommends that we close all libraries, sending staff home to shelter in place, and pay employees as scheduled to work, approximately April 13th. All 4 board members present agreed with this recommendation. Ms. Tullos also shared that all children's divisions were closed to customers first thing this a.m. We delayed opening to provide social distancing for tables, chairs, computers, etc. Re-assess and get updates from Ms. Tullos weekly since this is changing rapidly. Ms. Coy did confirm with legal, Mr. Dufresne that it was prudent to leave the library closed until

further notice. Mr. Dufresne said that yes, this is prudent. The Board also empowers the Director to act in the best interest of the library including passing policy that can be ratified at the next board meeting. Ms. Wilder agreed that we should continue to re-assess per the Library Director recommendation. Ms. Coy agreed that the Library Director should be the sole person that makes the call to come back to the library based on information that is available. Motion by Ms. Coy to approve the proclamation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and close the library until further notice starting at 6pm on Monday, March 16th. Second by Ms. Arlie.

Vote: Mrs. Arlie: Yes, Ms. Burrell: Yes, Mrs. Coy: Yes, Mrs. Johnson: Absent, Ms. Joseph: Absent, Mr. Madere: Absent, Mr. Tatje: Absent, Mrs. Wilder: Yes

Results: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4

Following guidance from Mr. Dufresne, Ms. Arlie made the motion that staff are to remain home until further notice and will be receiving pay as they were scheduled to work. Ms. Burrell seconded this motion

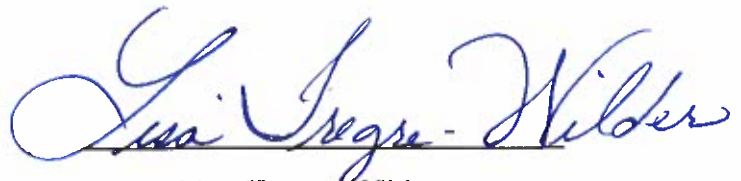
Vote: Mrs. Arlie: Yes, Ms. Burrell: Yes, Mrs. Coy: Yes, Mrs. Johnson: Absent, Ms. Joseph: Absent, Mr. Madere: Absent, Mr. Tatje: Absent, Mrs. Wilder: Yes

Results: Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

Ms. Coy motioned to adjourn and seconded by Ms. Burrell. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.



Andrea F Tullos
Library Director



Lisa Tregre Wilder
President,
Library Board of Control