

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Control
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Special Meeting
Norris J Millet, Sr.
2920 Hwy 51, LaPlace, LA 70068
6:00 pm

Mrs. Wilder presided at the meeting and so called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Mrs. Wilder then called for the roll to be taken.

Present:, Mrs. Arlie, Ms. Joseph, Mrs. Scioneaux, Mr. Tatje, and Mrs. Wilder were present, there was a quorum.

Absent:, Ms. Burrell, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Wright were absent.

Others present: Orenthal Jasmin, Assistant District Attorney; Andrea Tullos, Library Director and Secretary to the Board; Amy Riche', Assistant Library Director

Mrs. Wilder called for a moment of silence.

III. Public Comment: 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.*

There being no one present to speak during public comment, Mrs. Wilder moved to the next agenda item.

IV. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2023

Mrs. Wilder called for approval of the October 11, 2023 minutes. Motion by Mr. Tatje and seconded by Mrs. Scioneaux to approve the minutes of October 11, 2023. Mrs. Wilder called for roll call on approval of the minutes.

Vote: Mrs. Arlie Abstain; Ms. Burrell Absent, Mrs. Johnson: Absent; Ms. Joseph: Abstain, Mrs. Scioneaux: Yes , Mr. Tatje: Yes, Mrs. Wilder: Yes, Mr. Wright Absent

Results: Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 2 Absent: 3

Mr. Tatje asked for clarification from Attorney Jasmin to ensure that the votes of 3 for and 2 abstain do in fact approve the minutes. Attorney Jasmin to confirm that this is a legal approval of the minutes.

VI. Unfinished Business

There being no unfinished business, Mrs. Wilder proceeded to New Business

VII. New Business

- a. By-Laws update to accommodate ACT 393 re: Open Meetings Law (Requires Action)

Mrs. Wilder asked Attorney Jasmin to review. Attorney Jasmin reminded the board that they can waive policy to pass this policy. He recommends that the Board does waive policy this evening in order to take a vote this evening. Act 393 was passed in Louisiana Legislature this past summer. It is a revision to the Open Meetings law and is specific to the ADA Americans with Disabilities Act. First part allows members of the public to attend meetings via TEAMS or other virtual options if they have an ADA recognized disability. Attorney Jasmin also communicated with Jennifer Shaye at the LA Legislative Auditor's office to determine if we have to require the public to prove the disability. We will not. The language is discretionary, not mandatory. Attorney Jasmin noted that we were ahead of the game. It is mandatory that this law be implemented by January 1, 2024. Attorney Jasmin wrote the policy. The By-laws have been updated to reflect this policy and cross referenced with Act 393. The second portion of the policy is related to the Board member who is recognized with an ADA disability would be allowed to attend meeting via TEAMS or other virtual options. For a board member, we will require or mandate proof of the disability. Language also added regarding if it is visible disability, that this is proof. The other part of Act 393 is not required because we only have 4 meetings scheduled per year.

Discussion occurred regarding the notification process within 24-hour period prior to the meeting. Provision is in place to have a guideline but will be the decision of the board if they would like to offer this option even if the individual had notified us less than 24 hours.

Recognize Ms. Burrell arrival at the meeting at 6:10pm. Recognize Mrs. Johnson's arrival at the meeting at 6:14pm.

Mr. Tatje made a motion to waive policy to approve the By-Laws to accommodate ACT 393 Open Meetings. Seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Vote: Mrs. Arlie Yes; Ms. Burrell Yes, Mrs. Johnson: Yes ; Ms. Joseph: Yes, Mrs. Scioneaux: Yes , Mr. Tatje: Yes, Mrs. Wilder: Yes, Mr. Wright Absent

Results: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Mrs. Johnson motioned to approve the By-Laws to accommodate Act 393 Open Meetings. Seconded by Ms. Joseph.

Vote: Mrs. Arlie Yes; Ms. Burrell Yes, Mrs. Johnson: Yes ; Ms. Joseph: Yes, Mrs. Scioneaux: Yes , Mr. Tatje: Yes, Mrs. Wilder: Yes, Mr. Wright Absent

Results: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Congratulate Mrs. Johnson on being elected to the Parish Council. Mr. Tatje shared that Mrs. Johnson was a huge part of getting us to where we are today. Ms. Joseph shared that she enjoyed working with her. Mrs. Scioneaux shared that she wishes God uses her in a supernatural way. And she is always in her corner.

Question from Mrs. Scioneaux regarding meeting use after hours in Garyville. Ms. Tullos would like to know the date so that she can investigate. Mrs. Scioneaux to send the dates to Ms. Tullos.

Mrs. Wilder called for a motion to adjourn, motion to adjourn by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Burrell and adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Andrea F Tullos
Library Director



Blaine Tatje
President,
Library Board of Control