

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD ON

January 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Library Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 4:00 PM via Zoom and in-person in the board room at New Main.

The following Board members were present for the meeting:

Mr. J. Auge	Ms. A. Silbernagel
Ms. S. Haden	Ms. D. Sonis
Mr. J. Jarrett	Dr. K. Sullivan
Ms. B. King	Ms. C. Tawney
Ms. B. Malkin	Mr. B. Thomas
Mr. L. Moore	Dr. R. Wallace

Others in attendance were Mr. Christopher Winton, library counsel.

KCPL staff members present were Ms. Erika Connelly, Ms. Sarah Mitchell, Ms. Marsha Alford, Mr. Stan Howell, Mr. Teddy Claypool, Mr. Steve Mills, Ms. Susan Murphy, Ms. Terri McDougal, Ms. Amanda Gibson, Ms. Julianne Yacovone, and Mr. Michael Polak.

Mr. Thomas presided over the meeting and called it to order at 4:00 p.m. The director served as Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion made, seconded, and ADOPTED, the minutes of the December 9, 2024 board meeting were approved as distributed.

Director's Report

Ms. Connelly introduced Ms. Amanda Gibson, KCPL's Adult Programming Librarian, to the Board. Ms. Gibson overviewed an upcoming program in February.

KCPL and West Virginia Public Broadcasting are showcasing a new Independent Lens documentary, *Free For All: The Public Library*. The screening will be held in the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Conference Room 311C at New Main on Thursday, February 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

New Facilities and Security Manager Steve Mills recently went through a bid process and selected Patton Cleaning Services as the new contracted cleaner for the Main Library.

Action Items

1. ILS Resolution

Ms. Connelly explained that as she started at KCPL, she became familiar with SIRSI, KCPL's present ILS. The Library has had SirsiDynix for over 25 years, which is considered a legacy system. Ms. Connelly investigated modernizing habits and is looking for a better patron experience. Four vendors including SirsiDynix bid to become the library's new ILS.

A committee of nine library staff members reviewed each presentation, and six of the nine concluded that the Koha Product from Bywater would be the best ILS for KCPL's future. Three preferred the latest product from the current vendor, SirsiDynix.

On behalf of the Financial Affairs Committee, Mr. Thomas read the following resolution into the record:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the bid from Bywater Solutions to provide the Integrated Library System (ILS) for the Kanawha County Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to execute a contract and take any other actions necessary to procure the ILS from Bywater Solutions.

The Board APPROVED the resolution unanimously. Mr. Thomas recommended that library counsel Mr. Winton be involved in all contract negotiations with Bywater.

2. Retirement Resolution for Mr. Timothy Lindee

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Ms. King read the following into the record.

WHEREAS, Mr. Timothy Linde submitted his intent to retire effective December 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linde worked in the KCPL Automation Department from January 29, 2004 to the present working as both a Support Technician and Automation Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linde was an exemplary employee who consistently shared his enthusiasm with his colleagues, ending nearly every conversation with his mantra “enjoy, have fun;”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library recognizes with deep appreciation Mr. Linde twenty years of service to the Library.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library wishes Mr. Linde the best in his retirement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the Kanawha County Public Library Board of Directors and a copy be furnished to Mr. Linde

The Board APPROVED the resolution unanimously without further discussion.

Reports of Committees

1. Financial Affairs

Ms. Connelly gave a brief update on improving workflow with the library’s contracted accounting vendor, Suttle and Stalnaker.

Old Business

1. Legislative Update

The year’s Legislative season for the state of West Virginia begins February 12th. This year’s WVLA Library Day at the Legislature event is scheduled for Monday, March 24th, and includes a reception at the Cultural Center from 5-7 p.m.

Board members had a brief discussion about the effectiveness or lack thereof of having a meeting relatively late in the session and noted that March 24th is the first day of Kanawha County Schools’ spring break. Discussion then turned to potentially scheduling meetings between Board and Staff with Kanawha County representatives.

New Business

Mr. Connelly gave a brief overview of the Library's inclement weather procedures and discussed recent closures with the Board due to two snow storms in January.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn this meeting. Motion was seconded, and the meeting ADJOURNED at 4:48 P.M.

President

Secretary