

Jefferson Davis Parish
Library Board of Control
Meeting Minutes

118 W Plaquemine St.

December 11, 2024

9:00AM

Jefferson Davis Parish Library Board of Control met for a public hearing and regular meeting.

Call to order:

Marcia Pfeiffer (President) presided and had a roll call and noted the following:

Present: Daniel Sparks, Ramona Hardee, Dianne Hebert, Frances Stroud, Gwen Landry, Geraldine Segura, Kori Myers.

Absent: None

Also present were Michael Staton, JDPL Director; Tiffany Theunissen, Comptroller; Myra Spears Media Director; and Erin Hargrave, Jennings Daily News Reporter.

Invocation:

Dianne Hebert led invocation.

Public Hearing:

The public hearing on the 2025 budget was opened at 9:00 AM.

After a period and no public presentation and no public comments, a motion was made by Gwen Landry and seconded by Frances Stroud to close public hearing and move to regular meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve Agenda:

Motion was made by Gwen Landry and seconded by Frances Stroud to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Ramona Hardee to approve the minutes of October 23, 2024, Board of Control as presented. Ramona Frances Stroud seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

Board members received packets of information including monthly reports,
Michael Staton gave report

Financial Report:

Tiffany Theunissen presented financial statement.

Unfinished Business:

Michael Staton gave update on the Welsh building project.

Motion was made by Dianne Hebert and seconded by Geraldine Segura to adopt the revised 2024 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ramona Hardee and seconded by Gwen Landry to adopt Budget 2025 as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Frances Stroud to adopt the New Meeting Room Policy and seconded by Kori Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Staton gave update on library mascot.
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New Business:

Michael Staton presented a Request of Reconsideration of Materials form that was submitted by a patron. Louisiana Revised Statute 25:225 was read aloud to the board and a discussion of the book was held, along with the recommendation of the patron. The Board of Control held a roll call vote whether the book in question did not meet the threshold as stipulated in RS 25:225

Members voted as follows:

Yea: Marcia Pfeiffer, Daniel Sparks, Geraldine Segura, Frances Stroud, Ramona Hardee, Dianne

Hebert, Gwen Landry, Kori Myers.

Nays: None

The board of control voted to relocate the item to the adult fiction section of the collection.

A motion was made by Dianne Hebert and seconded by Frances Stroud to approve new staff appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Daniel Sparks and seconded by Kori Myers to approve the financial engagement letter. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were held to confirm Board of Control officers for 2025. Current officers will remain in their existing roles.

A motion was made by Ramona Hardee and seconded by Gwen Landry to adopt 2025 BOC meeting calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Daniel Sparks and seconded by Kori Myers to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:32AM.

The next Board of Control meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025, 9:00am at The Welsh branch Library.

Michael Staton
Pfeiffer
Secretary
President

Marcia
Board