



MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION
LEADERSHIP ADVOCACY SERVICE

MINUTES

Mississippi Library Commission
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Date: July 25, 2023

Location: 3881 Eastwood Drive
Jackson, Mississippi, 39211

Board of Commissioners (BOC) Present: Stephen Cunetto, Ann Marsh, Lori Barnes, Becky Wright, Jolee Hussey

Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) Staff Present: Hulen Bivins, Jennifer Lena, Lynn Burris, Tracy Carr, Terrie Elbatnigi, Kristina Kelly

Guests: Jay Woods, Special Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:00 am Chair Barnes called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

AGENDA

Recommendation: *Adopt agenda as presented.*

Motion: Becky Wright; *Second:* Jolee Hussey

Action: Approved by unanimous roll call

MINUTES

Recommendation: *Approve minutes of special call meeting on June 2, 2023*

Motion: Stephen Cunetto; *Second:* Becky Wright

Action: Approved by unanimous roll call

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Hussey offered a word of gratitude to the Executive Director and the MLC Staff for the great job that has been done. Secretary Wright thanked MLC for hosting The Women's Federation Service this past Saturday and for the work put into the upcoming Book Festival in August. Commissioner Barnes said the summer reading program had an explosive start and the activity has been great.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hulen Bivens reported on the various activities in the agency and new projects and programs offered by MLC.

Employee Update: *New hires* - Administrative Services: Terrie Elbatnigi and Tanner May
Separations - Library Services: Amy Lafleur

Outreach Coordinators:

MLC continues to work and develop the new positions of the Community Outreach Coordinator and Magnolia Outreach Coordinator.

MLC FINANCIAL REPORT:

Deputy Director Jennifer Lena provided an overview of the agency expenditures of FY2023 fiscal year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU REPORT

Deputy Director Jennifer Lena provided the Administrative Services Report, with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

LIBRARY SERVICES BUREAU REPORT

Deputy Director Tracy Carr provided the Library Services report with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation: *Election of Officers- Fiscal Year 2024*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second:* Stephen Cunetto

Action: Approved by unanimous roll call

Recommendation: *Approve the FY2025 budget request as presented, allowing for adjustments as needed prior to the August 2023 submission deadline*

Motion: Jolee Hussey; *Second:* Stephen Cunetto

Action: Approved by unanimous roll call

Recommendation: *Approve a Personnel Incentive Grant Waiver Request for Educational Requirements for Copleah-Jefferson Regional Library Systems*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second:* Becky Wright

Action: Approved by unanimous roll call

Recommendation: *Approve a Maintenance of Effort Waiver for the Jackson-Hinds Library System*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second:* Stephen Cunetto

Action: Approved by unanimous roll call

DISCUSSION ITEM

MAGNOLIA Advisory Board

A discussion was held regarding the new by-laws for the MAGNOLIA Advisory Board.

ADJOURN

Recommendation: *Adjourn meeting at 12:33pm*

Motion: Becky Wright; *Second:* Ann Marsh

Action: Approved by unanimous roll call



Becky Wright (Oct 13, 2023 08:18 CDT)

Becky Wright, Board Secretary

Oct 13, 2023

Date