



MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION

LEADERSHIP ADVOCACY SERVICE

MINUTES

Mississippi Library Commission Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Date: March 25, 2025

Location: 3881 Eastwood Drive
Jackson, Mississippi, 39211

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:01 am Chair Cunetto called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Guest: Special Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Nichols

AGENDA

Recommendation: *Adopt agenda as presented.*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second:* Jolee Hussey

Action: Unanimously Approved

MINUTES

Recommendation: *Approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 28, 2025*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second:* Lori Barnes

Action: Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU REPORT

Deputy Director Lynn Burris provided the Administrative Services Bureau Report, with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

MLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Deputy Director Lynn Burris provided an overview of the Financials.

ACTION ITEM

Recommendation: *Approve a Personnel Incentive Grant Waiver Request for Educational Requirements for Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library System.*

Motion: Lori Barnes; *Second*: Ann Marsh

Action: Unanimously Approved

DISCUSSION ITEM

Humphreys County Public Library System's current and previous Maintenance of Eligibility waivers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommendation: *Chair Cunetto called for a motion for the Board to consider entering into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-4(k)*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second*: Lori Barnes

Action: Unanimously Approved

Board goes into Executive Session

Recommendation: *Award a salary increase of 10% for the Executive Director effective June 1, 2025*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second*: Jolee Hussey

Action: Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: *Close executive session and move to open meeting*

Motion: Jolee Hussey; *Second*: Lori Barnes

Action: Unanimously Approved

Board returns to Open Meeting

Chair Cunetto announced that the Board approved awarding a salary increase of 10% for the Executive Director, effective June 1, 2025, during the executive session.

ADJOURN

Recommendation: *Adjourn meeting at 12:44 pm*

Motion: Jolee Hussey; *Second*: Lori Barnes

Action: Unanimously Approved

Lori Barnes

Lori Barnes (May 27, 2025 12:48 CDT)

Lori Barnes, Secretary

May 27, 2025

Date