



MISSISSIPPI **LIBRARY** COMMISSION
LEADERSHIP ADVOCACY SERVICE

MINUTES

**Mississippi Library Commission
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**

Date: July 28, 2026

Location: 3881 Eastwood Drive
Jackson, Mississippi, 39211

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

Board of Commissioners (BOC) Present via Zoom: Jolee Hussey

Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) Staff Present: Jennifer Lena, Sidney Cobb, Ray Wright, Lynn Burris, Kevin Scarborough

Guests Present: Jonathan Dennis, Special Assistant Attorney General; Eileen Beazley, Office of Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and welcomed everyone.

AGENDA

Recommendation: *Adopt agenda as presented.*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second:* Stephen Cunetto

Action: Unanimously Approved

MINUTES

Recommendation: *Approve minutes of the regular meeting on May 26, 2026*

Motion: Ann Marsh; *Second:* Stephen Cunetto

Action: Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Theresa Buntyn reported on her experience job shadowing with Patsy Brewer at Waynesboro – Wayne County Public Library and spending a day at MLC with Talking Book Services.

Lori Barnes reported that MLA's 2026 Conference will be a virtual event and shared an article from takingthekids.com on eight Mississippi libraries worth visiting.

Ann Marsh reported that board members would be interested in visiting various public libraries in the state.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

MLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Services Director Ray Wright provided an overview of the Financials.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Executive Director Jennifer Lena discussed a time extension for a student seeking an MLIS degree under the Public Librarian Scholarship Program.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation: *Approve a Maintenance of Effort Waiver for Fiscal Year 2027 for Sharkey-Issaquena County Library as recommended*

Motion: Theresa Buntyn; **Second:** Jolee Hussey

Action: Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: *Approve a Maintenance of Eligibility Waiver for Carroll County Public Library as recommended*

Motion: Stephen Cunetto; **Second:** Ann Marsh

Action: Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: *Approve the Mississippi Library Commission's Fiscal Year 2028 Budget Request as recommended*

Motion: Ann Marsh; **Second:** Stephen Cunetto

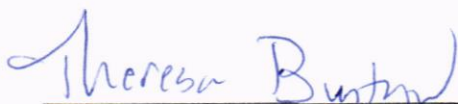
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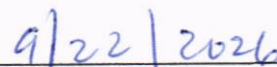
ADJOURN

Recommendation: *Adjourn meeting at 12:21 PM*

Motion: Ann Marsh; **Second:** Stephen Cunetto

Action: Unanimously Approved


Theresa Buntyn, Board Secretary


Date