

Transcript of the Meeting of the
Lafayette Public Library Board of Control
Special Board Meeting

April 29, 2024

DANIEL KELLY:

Call the meeting into order. We stand for um.. well.. uh.. in roll call we have Mr. Judge, Ms. Ella, Ms. Stephanie, Mr. James, Mr. Allen, Erasto. You want to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Before that we are going to pray. Father we thank you for uh this day, thank for every person here, thank you for giving us _____ and grace, give us wisdom today as we move forward, we ask this now in Jesus name, Amen. We pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Mr. James is going to read.

JAMES THOMAS:

So welcome to the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control meeting as Board Trustee, I would like to announce the following: This is a public meeting to address the Board of Control on any item on the agenda please complete and submit the Public Speaker Form prior to the calling of the Agenda item in order to have an opportunity to speak. Items for submission to the board should be handed to Ms. Nancy Hebert, seated to the table at our right. When addressing the board state your name, parish of residence, and title for the official record. No debating or confrontational statements will be allowed. This is not a question and answer session, where you can ask questions and demand answers of board members or of employees, though board members may ask clarifying questions to ensure your concerns are understood. All comments must pertain to library business in general and the action item being considered in particular. The three minute rule will be in effect. Members of the public are asked to remain quiet during the meeting to allow the board to conduct its business efficiently and to refrain from making comments while other members of the public are addressing the board from the podium. Meeting procedures are governed generally by Robert's Rules of Order, but the presiding officer may deviate from Robert's Rules of Order when necessary, convenient or desirable for the efficient proceedings of the meeting. Please silence all phones, and electronic devices, thank you.

DANIEL KELLY:

Thank you Mr. Thomas. Alright, new business, appointing an Interim Library Director, um. Ms. Armbruster.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

Yes, I'd like to, um make a motion that we move, or that we go into an executive session to discuss the character and professional competency of candidates.

DANIEL KELLY:

I'll second.

DANIEL KELLY:
Public comments. No.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:
There is a motion to second.

DANIEL KELLY:
Yes.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:
I'm sorry. Yes you would have to have public comments. Uh hum.

DANIEL KELLY:
Yes, well I was right.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:
Uh hum.

DANIEL KELLY:
Any?

Someone from public:
Well, I'll speak.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:
If anyone who signed in or because that..

MARY LIB GUERCIO:
I'm just, this is just a little confusing. Um..

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:
There has just been a motion and a second to go into executive session, so if someone from the audience wants to speak, and we will allow them to do that.

MARY LIB GUERCIO:
Ok. Well

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:
And we will give them the three minutes.

MARY LIB GUERCIO:
Well, the only comment I want to make is uh, per the last library board meeting, uh, you announced, think it was you Ms. Armbruster, announced that there were six applicants, and I am confused as to why we can't work within that list to appoint someone as our permanent Library Director since, we in fact, did have six applications and I know at least three of them have experience and they have, uh, their MLI, MLIS certification, but mainly they're experienced, so as a member of the

public it just doesn't seem logical to appoint an Interim Director when part of the comments and concerns by this Board has been that you don't have but one or two, well now you have six, and it just seems to be a waist of time and effort to go through those applications and select from that group rather than have to do this a second time. So that was my comment, thank you.

DANIEL KELLY:

Ok. Thank you.

LYNETTE MEJIA:

My comment, was, I'm sorry, my name is Lynette Mejia, Lafayette Parish. Um, I just wanted to ask if it would be possible if we could, um, have the applications for the director position, um, available to the public, uh, posted like the applications for um, you, were posted, um, to the LCG website, so I was hoping we could have the same thing here, thank you.

NANCY HEBERT:

End of public comments.

DANIEL KELLY:

Ok. Yeah. .. inaudible.

PAIGE BEYT:

We have to vote.

DANIEL KELLY:

Alright, so we have a vote on table. Move (inaudible) Mr. Allen.

ALLEN MOORE:

Yes

JAMES THOMAS:

Yes

DANIEL KELLY:

Yes

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

Yes

ELLA ARSEMENT:

Yes

ROBERT JUDGE

Yes

DANIEL KELLY:

Ok. Thank you.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

Uh, Mr. Kelly, I would like to move that we exit out of Executive Session.

DANIEL KELLY:

Yes

JAMES THOMAS:

I second.

DANIEL KELLY:

Yep. Ok, so um.

ROBERT JUDGE (?)

Third

DANIEL KELLY:

All in favor.

JAMES THOMAS: (?)

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STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

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DANIEL KELLY:

I's have it, motion carries.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

And, uh, Mr. President, I'd like to make another motion regarding our appointment of an Interim Director, (clearing throat). Mr. Danny Gillane, um, approached, or contacted me and offered to um, to become Interim Director if we would have him, and I'd like to move, um, that we appoint Danny Gillane as Interim Director of the library.

DANIEL KELLY:

I second that.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

Any discussion. Mrs. Hebert.

NANCY HEBERT:

Cara Chance. She just stepped out.

NANCY HEBERT:

Mary Libb Gersio

MARY LIBB GERSIO:

Can we have details on what length of time this agreement will cover, is the appointment , uh, deadlined or sunsetted by the deadline that you have that is state imposed of what May 30th, or what have you, uh, just give the public some information about when, or is it subject to, at any point the appointment of a permanent director. Just so we can have those details please.

NANCY HEBERT:

Cara Chance. Ok. Lynette Mejia. She passed. Ok. That's the end.

DANIEL KELLY:

Motion to second. We can move to vote on uh, Mr. Danny Gillane.

ROBERT JUDGE:

I vote yes.

ELLA ARSEMENT:

Yes.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

Yes.

JAMES THOMAS:

Yes.

ALLEN MOORE:

Yes.

ERASTO PADRON:

Yes.

DANIEL KELLY:

Yes.

DANIEL KELLY:

Meeting adjourned.

STEPHANIE ARMBRUSTER:

Ms. Mary Libb, to address your question, um, the intention would be that, um, Mr. Gillane would be in the roll as Interim Director, until we fill, while we are going through the search, the Director search position. So, I don't think that , of course we have to speak to Mr. Gillane to see what he would agree to, but it would be to fill that roll, while we do not have a director and we are searching for a director.