

**Minutes of the
West Baton Rouge Library Board of Control
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 4:04 – 4:29 PM
830 N. Alexander Ave., Port Allen, LA 70767**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Henry Henderson

Roll Call by Ms. Martin - Present: Ms. Joanne Bourgeois, President; Ms. Scarlet Callicoatte, Vice President; Ms. Brenda Morgan, Treasurer; Mr. Carey Denstel, Ex Officio; Mr. Henry Henderson; Ms. Andrea Kent; and Ms. Laurie Moreau. Ms. Kelson Swancy arrived at 4:12
Absent: none **Also present** were Tamie Martin, Executive Director; Luis Interiano, and Lynn Bardell.

Public Comment

Ms. Bourgeois advised board members that they could visit the new branch to see the interior before opening.

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After reviewing the minutes, Ms. Bourgeois asked for any comments or corrections. Ms. Laurie Moreau made a **motion to accept** the minutes as presented, **seconded** by Mr. Henry Henderson. Ms. Bourgeois called for a voice vote. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

Reports

Ms. Martin told the Board that financial reports were not yet available due to Cadie Russo Bourg's maternity leave. She reported that although the documents were not immediately available, all finances were in good standing and that she would provide the documents as soon as possible. She also gave reports on the progress of the South Branch remodel, stating that it is scheduled to open by May. Ms. Martin also reported that the white Equinox was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Dec. 29, 2023, on the Horace Wilkinson Bridge. She stated that the police report indicated that the Library employee was not at fault and that the driver who was at fault was insured. She stated that the Equinox was being repaired at J&S Automotive in Addis. Ms. Martin also gave updates on staff training and outreach services. She told the Board that she is working to make the Dolly Parton Imagination Library available to children in West Baton Rouge.

Adjourn

There being no further business, **motion to adjourn** by Mr. Henry Henderson, **seconded** by Ms. Laurie Moreau. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Conclusion – Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Library Board of Control meeting will be **March 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.** Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

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Ms. Joanne Bourgeois, President, Library Board of Control

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Submitted by Tamie Martin, Director