

**Minutes of the
West Baton Rouge Library Board of Control
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 4:04 – 4:50 PM
830 N. Alexander Ave., Port Allen, LA 70767**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Carey Denstel

Roll Call by Ms. Martin - Present: Ms. Joanne Bourgeois, President; Ms. Brenda Morgan, Treasurer; Mr. Carey Denstel, Ex Officio; Ms. Kelson Swancy; Mr. Henry Henderson; and Ms. Laurie Moreau. **Absent:** Ms. Scarlet Callicoatte **Also present** was Tamie Martin, Executive Director.

Public Comment

None

Minutes of July 18, 2023 Meeting

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

Minutes of August 31, 2023 Special Meeting

Ms. Bourgeois asked Board members to review the minutes and suggest any corrections. Ms. Kelson Swancy made a **motion to accept** the minutes as prepared, seconded by Ms. Brenda Morgan. Ms. Bourgeois called for a voice vote. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Consideration of 2024 Proposed Budget

Ms. Bourgeois asked for discussion of the proposed 2024 budget. Ms. Martin explained the costs that would remain for opening the South Branch in 2024. She told the Board that State Representative Edmund Jordan had again procured funds through state appropriations to help defray the cost of implementing the new branch. **Motion** by Ms. Laurie Moreau to approve the budget, **seconded** by Ms. Kelson Swancy. Ms. Bourgeois asked for a voice vote. Without opposition, the motion passed.

Reports

Ms. Martin gave financial, statistical and operations reports. She told the Board members that Angela Germany, Nichole Junot, and Kim Davis attended a conference of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries in Wichita, Kansas. She updated the Board on the starting date for remodeling of 6311 LA-1 S. She also stated that she would appear at the Parish Council meeting to keep them informed of the progress. Ms. Martin reported that circulation and attendance at programs were both breaking past records. She stated that she thought that a new branch would be welcomed and highly utilized.

Consideration of changing November meeting date

Ms. Martin reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting would be the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving. Ms. Bourgeois asked members if they would like to amend the meeting date. **Motion** by Ms. Brenda Morgan to move the November meeting to November 14, 2023, **seconded** by Ms. Kelson Swancy. The motion passed unanimously.

Conclusion – Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Library Board of Control meeting will be **November 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

/s/ _____

Ms. Joanne Bourgeois, President, Library Board of Control

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Submitted by Tamie Martin, Director