

**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 22, 2018
Baton Rouge, La
10 am**

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Georgia Brown. Additional members in attendance included Evelyn Valore, Louis Covington, James Lee and David Johnson. Absent from the meeting were Argiro Morgan and Patricia Preis. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Georgia Brown called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was offered by David Johnson and seconded by Evelyn Valore and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by David Johnson and seconded by Evelyn Valore, the minutes were approved.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Hamilton informed the board that the First Extraordinary Legislative Session had ended March 5 and the Regular Legislative Session began March 12 and would end May 18 with possibly one or more special sessions to follow that depending on what happens in the regular session. Conversations about a 24% budget reduction for state agencies are currently being held.

Hamilton also informed the board that because the State Library was once again below the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for FY 2016 required to qualify for that years IMLS LSTA funding, a waiver would have to be requested in June so that we would not lose additional federal dollars. We were below our MOE by \$619,382. The legislature had approved a restoration of \$430,000 to our budget last fiscal year however they were took it out of the Office of Tourism's budget. During that year, after the budget was signed by the Governor, the Lt. Governor opted to not allow us to move that money into our budget. It remained in the Office of Tourism's budget. The loss of the \$430,000 put us further below our MOE. This means that we will lose an additional \$324,437 in federal funds in FY 2020.

Hamilton noted that her term as State Librarian expires in July of 2018 and she will need to be reappointed. Georgia Brown made a motion, David Johnson seconded, and all were in favor of requesting that the Lt. Governor submit Hamilton's name for confirmation by the Senate during the regular 2018 Legislative session.

NO OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Hamilton reminded the board that the Louisiana Book Festival will be held on November 10, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Georgia Brown made motion to adjourn and Evelyn Valore approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Georgia Brown, Chair
State Library Board of Commissioners