

**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**July 12, 2016  
12:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Georgia Brown. Additional members in attendance included Dr. Argiro Morgan, Evelyn Valore, and Louis Covington. Absent from the meeting were Tony Clesi, Patricia Preis, Paulette Holahan. 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 Dr. Argiro Morgan and seconded by Evelyn Valore and unanimously carried.

**MINUTES**

On a motion offered by Evelyn Valore and seconded by Dr. Argiro Morgan, minutes were approved.

**BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION**

Hamilton began the meeting by sharing the official artwork for the 2016 Louisiana Book Festival. She explained the details and meaning behind the piece designed for the festival by artist Kelly Guidry with a poem by Darrell Bourque. Hamilton further explained that the artwork would be the cover of the festival program, all printed matter and the merchandise. Hamilton shared the plans to hold a press conference in the lobby of the State Library where the Lt. Governor would unveil the artwork and kick off the book festival.

Hamilton shared information on some of the authors who would be attending and speaking at the festival this year including Zachary Richard, who would be the final performer at the book festival.

Hamilton and the board viewed the State Library's quarterly reports and discussed the 16 pages of hard work performed by each department of employees for the last 3 months. She commended and complimented her staff again for the time, dedication and sacrifice they gave daily on behalf of the State Library and the State of Louisiana. She relayed to the board how her staff was now down to 44, but still managing and doing the work of 78 positions. She said her staff continues to stay in a constant rhythm of success no matter the changes or workloads thrown their way.

Dr. Morgan asked Hamilton about the state's current budget situation and wanted to know what cuts were expected or predicted for everyone during mid-year cuts. Hamilton responded saying that all state agencies were currently still working with a 15% cut that was expected to go into effect the beginning of the fiscal year, but hadn't been told any specific percentage, if any at all, to expect for mid-year cuts. She further explained that the current expected 15% cut was about the same they had experienced the same time last year but that a mid-year cut would definitely make a negative difference putting them at *-\$400,000* in federal funding. Hamilton ended the budget

discussion by saying she thought the State Library would make it through all of these cuts again but said they were limping and reiterated how staff was overworked.

**NO OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hamilton reminded the board about the Book Festival that was scheduled for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> as well as the board meeting that would be scheduled before the Authors Party on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, the night before the festival.

Chair Georgia Brown ended discussion by commending Rebecca Hamilton, State Librarian and Executive Secretary, as well as Hamilton's Assistant Tabitha Pimlott for the great job they were doing and thanked them for always being ready to assist promptly with whatever was needed. All of the board agreed with Brown and expressed their appreciation for all of their hard work.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 28<sup>th</sup>

5 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room, State Library of Louisiana

**ADJOURNMENT**

Georgia Brown made the motion to adjourn at 1:23 p.m. and Evelyn Valore seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary  
State Library Board of Commissioners

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Georgia Brown, Chair  
State Library Board of Commissioners