

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

**October 30, 2015  
5:30 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 and 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 Louis Covington and seconded by Dr. Argiro Morgan, minutes were approved.

**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Hamilton began by answering a question formerly asked of her by the board which is that even though they are an advisory board, they would be responsible for continuing to take the online ethics course required of all state employees and state boards and commissions.

Hamilton reported that each Lt. Governor Candidate had reached out to her regarding the State Library and its operations, any issues or concerns regarding funding and staffing and asked of her interest in remaining State Librarian under their administration. She expressed that all candidates are library supporters and understood the value of libraries, especially during hard financial times.

Hamilton moved the conversation to the state general fund deficit predicted in the current fiscal year and in FY 16-17. She explained that there was talk of a special session being called by the new Governor to address the state financial situation immediately upon his election. Hamilton reported that there would almost certainly be mid-year cuts in the current fiscal year and budget reduction scenarios were being looked at by her and her team so that they would be prepared.

Louis Covington inquired about the State Library's Maintenance of Effort waiver letter that had been submitted in an effort to keep the library from losing future federal funds based on the loss of state funds. Hamilton reported that the waiver request had been sent off to IMLS (the Institute for Museum and Library Services) but an answer had not yet been received.

Hamilton went over the departmental quarterly reports, again highlighting the fact that she has a staff of 47 doing the work of 78 positions. She stressed what a great job her staff was doing during such hard economic times. She asked the board to carefully review each department's quarterly report which clearly shows the level of work being accomplished by her staff regardless of any funding and staff shortages. She said they are "real troopers" and their productivity and hard work towards fulfilling the mission of the State Library and serving our clients has not waived at all. She said she could not imagine having a more dedicated team to work with during such trying times.

**NO OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Capitol View Room, State Library of Louisiana

**ADJOURNMENT**

Georgia Brown made the motion to adjourn and Evelyn Valore approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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