STATE LIBRARY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 27, 2023

State Library of Louisiana

701 North Fourth Street

Baton Rouge, La

5th Floor Capitol View Room

5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Nicole Allmon-Learson, Georgia Brown, Marian Fertitta, Darryl Gissel, James Lee, Chair, Christy Reeves, Dorothy White, and Meg Placke, Secretary

**Guests Present:** Renee Culotta, Tracy LeDoux, Daniel Monteverde, Julia George Moore

1. **Call to Order**

James Lee called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

1. **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

James Lee asked for a motion to approve the agenda, which was made by Marian Fertitta and seconded by Darryl Gissel. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting held September 7, 2023**

James Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Christy Reeves and seconded by Dorothy White. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

1. **Reports**
   1. **State Librarian’s Report**

Meg Placke provided the board with the State Librarian’s Report which included information on the following: the FY24 Budget, FY25 Budget Request, Personnel, the Louisiana Library and Book Festival Foundation, and Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation. Updates were also given on Act 436, the State Library’s logo, Telehealth Grants, and the Website.

* 1. **Departmental Quarterly Reports**

Meg Placke provided to the board highlights from the State Library’s Departmental Quarterly Reports.

1. **Announcements**
   1. **Reception for new State Librarian at Administrative Librarian’s Conference, November 3, 2023**

Meg Placke informed the board about the conference to be held on November 2, 2023 at the Main Branch of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

* 1. **Future meeting dates**

The next board meeting will be held Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10:00 am.

* 1. **Call for agenda items for future meetings**

At the next meeting, the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Five-Year Plan and the Board’s Bylaws will be discussed.

1. **Executive Session – Discussion of Litigation regarding Rebecca Hamilton v. Billy Nungesser, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism in Docket No. C-727,069, 19th Judicial District Court**

James Lee asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of litigation regarding Rebecca Hamilton v. Billy Nungesser and the State of LA, Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in Docket No. C-727,069, 19th Judicial District Court. A motion was made by Marian Fertitta and seconded by Darryl Gissel. The motion was unanimously approved.

Following discussion, Mr. Lee asked for a motion to return to Open Meeting. A motion was made by Darryl Gissel, seconded by Georgia Brown, and approved to return to Open Meeting.

1. **Adjournment**

Christy Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Darryl Gissel seconded. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.