

**MINUTES  
LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
March 10, 2022  
(Approved on April 21, 2022)**

The Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District met in regular session at the Whitney Library, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2022.

- Present:**
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| Board: | B. Wilson, Chair | E. Foyt      |
|        | N. Waugh         | K. Whiteley  |
|        | K. Rogers        | J. Jiron     |
|        | F. Ortiz         | J. Melendrez |
- Counsel: G. Welt
- Absent: K. Benavidez (Excused)  
S. Ramaker (Excused)
- Staff: Kelvin Watson, Executive Director  
Numerous Staff

The meeting began at 6:01p.m.

**Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance (Item I.)**

All members listed above represent a quorum. Appendix A. Chair Wilson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment (Item II.)**

John Carlo, 2995 E. Sunset Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89120, (702) 969-4178

Announced that he is a candidate running for School Board in District G. He also wanted to address his trespass that he was issued six months ago because he was forced to wear a mask after explaining he had a religious exemption and medical exemption. He is not able to use the public library when others that are homeless, doing drugs and crimes are allowed to use the public library. He also wanted to discuss being unlawfully kicked out of a meeting for a group called No Racism and would like the Board to investigate it. He has a video of the incident posted on his Instagram page @theghostpatriate1860.

**Agenda (Item III.)**

Trustee Waugh moved to approve the Agenda as proposed.

There was no opposition and the motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Minutes of Board of Trustees Meetings on February 2, 2022, February 10, 2022, and February 18, 2022**

Trustee Waugh moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings held on February 2, 2022, February 10, 2022, and February 18, 2022.

Trustee Turner-Whiteley second the motion. Chair Wilson moved to approve motion.

There was no opposition and the motion carried.

**Chair's Report  
(Item V.)**

Chair Wilson reported that the second half of the compensation study with the raw data for non-represented and management staff that will be presented to the Board in April. Chair Wilson asked that if there are any questions the Board have can submit them to him and he will send them to Director Watson or the HR Director.

Chair Wilson also reported he will be sending out the Annual Review Questionnaire for Director Watson to the Board. The review will take place during the April Meeting.

**Library Reports  
(Item VI.)**

**Executive Director's  
Report  
(Item VI.A.)**

Kelvin Watson, Executive Director reported that the Library District won several upcoming awards and he also reported that he participated in Nevada's Reading Week at Trustee Jiron's school to read to second, third, and fourth graders.

All other details can be found in the written report.

**Library Operations,  
Security Reports  
and Monthly  
Statistics  
(Item VI.A.1.a)**

Trustee Turner-Whiteley expressed her excitement and wanted more details on the Customer Appreciation Day.

Leo Segura, Library Operations Director reported that a committee has worked on ways to address the Playbook 2026 and ways to get more people into the libraries. The celebration will be on April 26m, 2022 at all 25-branch locations. The celebrations include customer giveaways and activities. Trustee Whiteley thanked the staff for appreciating the staff.

**Branding and  
Marketing Report  
and Electronic  
Resources Statistics  
(Item VI.A.2.a.)**

No questions.

**Community  
Engagement Report  
and Monthly  
Statistics  
(Item VI.A.2.b.)**

No questions.

**Development and  
Planning Report  
(Item VI.A.2.c.)**

Director Watson asked JoAnn Prevetti, Development Director to share her activity over the last few weeks.

Ms. Prevetti reported that she has attended the community meetings and the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance Breakfast to connect with

community leaders and donors to set up meetings. And also meeting leaderships out in the employment community, with the MGM, the Engelstad Foundation, Walmart, and with big corporations and with the United Way.

Ms. Prevetti also discussed successes made- in the past eight days the Library District submitted 1.5 million in grant funding. Also, submitted an \$80,000 grant to the MGM Foundation.

The Library District also received \$397,000 in grant funding on yesterday. 200,000 of that came in from the IMLS Cares Grant which is for the cell phone grant, partnering with T-Mobile and the cell phones will be distributed out to the community with various organizations at the Clark County Library. The Library District also received approval for a FEMA grant that was submitted two years ago, for \$197,000. This grant is going to cover many of the COVID expenses that the library had during COVID when all those regulations came in on the cleaning and the masks.

Trustee Ortiz questioned how the Chromebooks distribution will go. Director Watson explained that the Library District is looking into two opportunities for the 2,000 Chromebooks- potentially the College of Southern Nevada or the Summer Youth Program. More details will follow once finalized.

**Information  
Technology Report  
(Item VI.A.2.d.)**

No questions.

**Financial Services  
Report  
(Item VI.A.3.a.)**

No questions.

**General Services  
Report  
(Item VI.A.3.b.)**

John Vino, General Services Director reported that the Library District met with Commissioner McCurdy and received good feedback from him. Most of the issues revolve around the intersection and The Library District will be working with DOT and the City of Las Vegas to discuss.

The first community meeting was on February 22, 2022 with 120 attendees. A lot of the issues expressed at that meeting were specifically related to what's going to happen to the building and the theater. This meeting was focused on the community leaders such as pastors and other individuals in the community, to help get everyone to attend the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, along with email blasts, mailers, and radio advertisements. There will be a presentation at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with updated information from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> presentation. Input from the community will be collected for their input at the meeting.

Trustee Rogers reported that the outcome of the meetings were great. The accurate information went out to the stakeholders in the community and the City will address concerns about the existing facility once it's sold. Dr. Rogers also explained that they will be prepared to address the safety concerns of the community and will include it as a part of the

presentation. Dr. Rogers shared that the presentation was given to the Board to make everyone aware of what is being used and shared at the stakeholders meetings. (Presentation is attached to the General Services Report)

Trustee Ortiz asked if there were sign-in sheets present to capture the names of attendees and Mr. Vino replied yes.

Dr. Rogers shared that all Board Members are welcome to attend the meetings.

**Human Resources Report (Item VI.A.3.c.)**

No questions.

Chair Wilson accepted the Library Reports.

**Unfinished Business (Item VII.)**

None.

**New Business (Item VIII)**

**Consent Agenda (Item VIII.A)**

None.

**Regular Agenda (Item VIII.B)**

**Discussion and possible Board action to change the start time of the monthly Las Vegas-Clark County Board of Trustees' meeting to 5:00pm (Item VIII.B.1.)**

Trustee Turner-Whiteley wanted to be sure that staff was comfortable with the move of the meeting time since there was a concern raised by a staff member at the last meeting.

Director Watson responded that, there were no other concerns received aside from the one concern from the March meeting. Director Watson also explained the meetings are recorded and accessible for anyone that isn't able to attend.

Trustee Rogers asked if the time would be kept in perpetuity, in order to properly schedule his Fall class schedule. Chair Wilson replied yes. Director Watson also mention for clarification, that if a committee meeting is schedule the same day as a Board meeting, it will be moved to 4:00pm if approved.

Trustee Melendrez moved to approve the motion. Trustee Waugh second the motion.

The meeting time change will begin with May meetings.

**Announcements (Item IX.)**

Finance and Audit Committee meeting will be held on April 11, 2022 at 3pm via zoom.

The April Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at

6:00pm. Location: Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N Buffalo Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89131.

The May Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 5:00pm. Location: Windmill Library, 7060 W Windmill Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89113.

The June Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 5:00pm. Location: West Charleston Library, 6301 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146

**Public Comment  
(Item X.)**

Cyrus Hojjaty, 9925 W Russell Road, Las Vegas, NV 89148

Mr. Hojjaty talked about an event held at the Clark County Library in August of 2021- No Racism Town Hall that he and his friend attended. He explains that he didn't want to go inside, but wanted to speak with the elected officials. While in the hallway the host of the meeting began yelling at him and prevented him from entering. He states he was accused of being loud and was given mixed responses. He is asking for the incident to be investigated because he was not given any warnings. Mr. Hojjaty states he is not interested in going back into that library, but believe there was wrong action taken against him and his friend.

**Executive Session  
(Item XI.)**

None.

**Adjournment  
(Item XII.)**

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Foyt, Secretary

