

**MINUTES  
LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
January 11, 2024  
(Approved on February 15, 2024)**

The Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District met in regular session at the Whitney Library, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024.

**Present:** Board: N. Waugh, Chair K. Whiteley  
J. Jiron F. Ortiz  
K. Dutkowski E. Sanchez  
C. Shelton

Counsel: G. Welt

Absent: B. Rogers E. Foyt  
K. Benavidez

Staff: Kelvin Watson, Executive Director  
Numerous Staff

Guests: None

The meeting began at 5:01 p.m.

**Roll Call (Item I.)** All members listed present above represent a quorum. Appendix A. Chair Waugh led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment (Item II.)** None.

**Agenda (Item III.)** Trustee Sanchez made a motion to accept the proposed agenda. Trustee Shelton second the motion.

There was no opposition and the motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on November 6, 2023 (Item IV.)** Trustee Ortiz made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on November 6, 2023. Trustee Jiron second the motion.

There was no opposition and the motion carried.

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

Chair Waugh reported that the Board will be going to visit the Clark county Detention Center Library and urges everyone to meet at CCDC by 2:30pm with their signed form. Chair Waugh also congratulated Vice Chair Rogers for his award he received from My Brother's Keeper.

Trustee Ortiz asked Chair Waugh about the December Minutes. Director Watson responded that due to the holidays, the minutes from December were not ready for January meeting.

**Library Reports  
(Item VI.)**

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

Director Watson shared that the Library District and the Sunrise Hospital are in partnership for a project called "My First Library". This project is funded by the Library Foundation and is for parents and newborns. (Samples of the My first Library kit were passed around) Each kit will include a book, onesie, and literacy resources. The Library District will be providing 2,000 of these kits this year in hopes to add additional programming and adding other hospitals after the pilot run. Director Watson also shared that the Library District had their Halftime Town Hall meeting to discuss the 2-26 Strategic updates, goals, and obstacles for the end of 2023.

Director Watson thanked the staff for all of their hard work in 2023.

Trustee Sanchez asked how long the "My First Library Project" will last. Director Watson responded that based on numbers received from the hospital, they delivered about 2,000 babies per year, which means one year.

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

No questions.

**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.)**

No questions.

<b>Information Technology Report (Item VI.A.2.d.)</b>	Trustee Ortiz thanked Al Prendergast, Chief Information Officer for the connectivity and Wi-Fi.
<b>Financial Services Report (Item VI.A.3.a.)</b>	No questions.
<b>General Services Report (Item VI.A.3.b.)</b>	No questions.
<b>Human Resources Report (Item VI.A.3.c.)</b>	No questions.
<b>Unfinished Business (Item VII.)</b>	None.
<b>New Business (Item VIII.)</b>	
<b>Consent Agenda (Item VIII.A.)</b>	None.
<b>Regular Agenda (Item VIII.B.)</b>	
<b>Executive Session (Item IX.)</b>	None.
<b>Announcements (Item X.)</b>	<p>Trustee Whiteley thank the Rainbow and West Charleston staff for the fantastic programming over the winter break.</p> <p>The Finance and Audit Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 3:30 pm via zoom.</p> <p>The February Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 5:00pm. Location: Summerlin Library, 1771 Inner Cir Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134.</p> <p>The March Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:00pm. Location: Windmill Library, 7060 W Windmill Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89113.</p> <p>The April Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 5:00pm. Location: Mesquite Library, 121 W 1st N St, Mesquite, NV 89027.</p>
<b>Public Comment (Item XI.)</b>	<p>(Copied from Transcript)</p> <p><i>Robin Carpenter, 1714 Bluff Hollow Place, North las Vegas</i></p>

*Good evening. My name is Robin Carpenter. My address is 1714 Bluff Hollow Place in North Las Vegas. I am a CCSD teacher-librarian, a member of the American Library Association and the American Association of School Librarians, and a member of the Education Advisory Committee for the City of North Las Vegas. I am here tonight to ask the Board to revoke the facility use privileges given to the local Moms for Liberty chapter at the Sahara West Library on Tuesday, January 30th. I understand from your conference room auditorium facility rental policy that the Library District does not necessarily endorse, recommend, or approve of the views and opinions of groups which rent its facilities; however, the policy also states that groups, quote, "must not engage in any activity that would cause concern for the health, safety and well-being," end quote of your patrons and that you reserve the right to deny groups access if such activity occurs. As of this past June, Moms for Liberty has been designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Nationally and locally, they lead the charge on book banning and attacking students, parents and staff who support LGBTQ rights. They advocate and campaign to ban books that address the history and achievements of other marginalized groups in our society. Their tactics and rhetoric threaten, damage, and endanger people's lives, especially those in the transgender community. Their work is to effectively disappear these people from our society so that effectively they don't exist. And while they may not wear robes and hoods, they are nonetheless violent and hateful. The Chair of the Monroe County, Pennsylvania chapter of Moms for Liberty was arrested for harassment. The Head of Communications for the Lonoke County, Arkansas chapter allegedly threatened librarians with gun violence. A restraining order was issued to the Chair of the Livingston County, Michigan chapter after she reportedly told school board members, quote, "We're coming after you, take it as a threat. Call the FBI. I don't care." Considering all of this, will your librarians and staff at the Sahara West Library feel safe with that group meeting there? What about LGBTQ patrons, or their friends and family members? How about patrons who are people of color? The answer is no. This group represents a legitimate concern for the health, safety and well-being of the library staff and patrons, and therefore their facility use should be revoked. I'll close with a quote from Pennsylvania State Senator Saval and Representatives Isaacson and Waxman, who addressed a similar concern with the Philadelphia Hotel this past summer, which hosted a Moms for Liberty Summit for attendees. Quote, "Hosting an organization with a track record of promoting discriminatory practices and divisive policies goes against the principles of inclusivity and respect that should be upheld by a reputable establishment like yours.*

Nicole Beer, Henderson, NV

*My name is Nicole Beer and I come before you as a CCSD librarian and editor with the Political Librarian Journal, proud member of 20 plus years of ALA, my directorial work focused on Latin X Picture Books and was grounded in CRT. I am the Defense of Democracy Co-Chair for the Southern Nevada chapter. Throughout my 24 years in Librarianship, I've never been more disappointed or insulted by a single action, or in this case, inaction of a library as I am today with this District. The temerity of-- to walk into this library saying that they are a member of the ALA, when I will quote what they said about our dear ALA President. On October of 2023, a Moms for Liberty spokesman said about the distinguished President of the ALA, "Emily Drabinski is a self-proclaimed lesbian and Marxist, and she is pushing pornography books in our schools and library, Moms for Liberty Campbell County Chair, Mirna Eads said. We're out here just telling the public to know that it's not okay to push porn on our children." Because I have close contacts in the ALA, I know that Ms. Drabinski has retained legal counsel and is set to bring federal charges against Moms for Liberty, not only for slander, but also domestic terrorism in the form of credible threats to her and her family. I have personally been attacked for my sexuality. I identify as a member of the queer community. In fact, during the December 2023 CCSD Board meeting, the chapter president had to be led away by CCSD police while screaming in my face, you're a groomer, a pedophile and you and Doctor Jara are trafficking our students. That is the local chapter president. There is a public record, including video with it. Now we have -- we could be here all night to talk about documented, substantiated acts of violence, homophobia and racism and including, but limited to saying in public at many CCSD Board meetings that trans people are mentally ill, parents of trans children should be executed, and other conspiracy theories that COVID vaccination and drugs to help children's Autism and ADHD are causing children to want to transition to trans. If you don't know about this insidious group, shame on you. But further shame on you that if you do know and you still felt that you could hide under your policies for equal access, not my words, the words of the Southern Poverty Law Center, founded by the great Julian Bond -- the late great Julian Bond, who, I am sure many of you on that dais know about, and the Department of Justice have called them a domestic terrorist group. That is who you are in bed with. Be aware that this District, this Board and this just -- injustice will not go unchecked. You have a responsibility to include groups that don't align with my values. Absolutely. But you do not have the right to host a group that violates my rights as a patron or my rights under the laws of the city, county, state and nation. Get y'all's house in order cause I don't want to keep coming back, but I will again, and again, and again. Make no mistake, you do it or I'll do it, get the District back on track and stop messing with terrorists -- domestic terrorists.*

*Now, I love the installation here with the Tuskegee Airmen. If Moms for Liberty have their way, I won't be able to teach my students about the strong men of the Tuskegee Airmen; they won't allow it. They're not just trying to race me, they're racing some of y'all up on that stage. Thank you.*

**Adjournment  
(Item XII.)**

Chair Waugh adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jiron, Secretary

# 2024 ATTENDANCE

		2024	January 11 Regular Board Mtg	February 12 Finance and Audit Comm. Mtg	February 15 Regular Board Mtg	February 28 Special Board Mtg	March 11 Naming Committee Mtg.	March 14 Regular Board Mtg	April Finance and Audit Comm. Mtg	April 11 Regular Board Mtg	May 6 Special Board Mtg	May 23 Regular Board Mtg	June 13 Nominations Comm. Mtg	June 13 Risk Management Comm. Mtg	June 13 Regular Board Mtg	July 11 Regular Board Mtg	AUGUST	September Finance and Audit Comm Mtg	September 12 Regular Board Mtg	October 10 Regular Board Mtg	November Finance and Audit Comm. Mtg	November 14 Regular Board Mtg	December 12 Regular Board Mtg	
Waugh	Nathaniel	P																						
Rogers	Keith	A																						
Jiron	Jennifer	P																						
Turner Whiteley	Kate	P																						
Foyt	Elizabeth	A-E																						
Ortiz	Felipe	P																						
Benavidez	Kelly	A-E																						
Sanchez (Term Began 5-15-23)	Elaine	P																						
Dutkowski (Term Began 7/18/23)	Karen	P																						
Shelton (Term Began 9/19/23)	Chris	P																						

P	Present
A-E	Excused Absence
A-U	Unexcused Absence
	attended Committee meeting but not a member
X	Term Ended/ New