

**MINUTES
LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
(Approved on October 10, 2024)**

The Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District met in regular session at the East Las Vegas Library, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Present: Board: N. Waugh, Chair K. Whiteley
K. Dutkowski E. Foyt
K. Benavidez K. Rogers
E. Sanchez C. White
A. Jimenez

Counsel: G. Welt

Absent: J. Jiron

Staff: Floresto Cabias, Chief Financial Officer
Numerous Staff

Guests: None

The meeting began at 5:00 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 Whiteley made a Motion to accept the proposed agenda. Trustee Foyt seconded the Motion.

There was no opposition and the Motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Minutes of the Risk Management Committee Meeting on June 13, 2024; Nominating Committee Meeting on June 13, 2024; Regular Board Meeting on July 11, 2024. Trustee Foyt made a Motion to approve the Minutes of. Trustee Dutkowski seconded the motion.

There was no opposition and the Motion carried.

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

Chair Waugh reported that he and Executive Director Watson had the opportunity to visit the Indian Springs Library to participate in their weekly food distribution. He reported that they both participated in the distribution and that it was a great experience. He also recommends other Trustees to experience the program.

Chair Waugh welcomed Trustee Jimenez and Trustee White as the new additions to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Jimenez and Trustee White introduced themselves.

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Jimenez:

Hello. My name is Aranzazu Jimenez, but I go by Aranza because it's really long. I am in education. I've been in education for 18 years as a kindergarten, first grade, second grade teacher, learning strategist, and now school administrator; Assistant Principal at Griffith Elementary. And so I'm very familiar with school libraries as an educator. As a parent, I'm familiar with library and their services. My passion is all of the future that we're showing our kids, all of the technology. I saw a car charger outside which I was excited about. And so that's why I wanted to join. And I've been an East-sider my whole life since I moved here -- since I was little. I graduated from Las Vegas High. So this is like my neighborhood, and my people. So I'm happy to represent and to be here with you.

White:

So it is wonderful to be a part of the Board. I have a license plate that is Nevada Libraries license plate. You can't get one anymore, it's so old. But libraries mean so much to me. I work in one. I work at UNLV in the library doing oral history, and that has afforded me to go around this city and go into lots and lots of libraries. When I first moved here, the most impressive thing I found about Las Vegas in 1992, was the beauty of the libraries. So it's an honor to be on this Board.

Chair Waugh discussed the 2025 Board of Trustee Meetings Calendar.

January 16	Summerlin
February 13	Enterprise
March 13	Whitney
April 10	West Las Vegas
May 22	East Las Vegas
June 12	Centennial Hills
July 10	Rainbow

August	No Meeting
September 11	Windmill
October 9	Sahara West
November 13	Clark County
December 11	Whitney

Chair Waugh invited Felipe Ortiz, Chair of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Foundation, Board of Directors.

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Good afternoon, Trustees. Thank you very much for allowing me to give you a few minutes. My name is Felipe Ortiz. I started with the Foundation couple years back, and now the Chair of the Foundation. Our number one goal is to help the Library District increase money for their programs. Our job is not to tell them what the programs are, but to find the money for those programs. I believe the money is there. I believe we have a long history with the Library District; that people really want to invest in their future.

Having said that, we're working through -- Trustee Kate Turner Whiteley did us well. While I was wearing the other hat, she directed us to really look at a way to go forward, how we can become independent, self-sustaining and so we're working through that. The Foundation has been around way before me, and so we're trying to do the right thing.

And then having said that, I -- Director Watson sits on the Board as an ex-officio member, so he's privy to all the information and we have like five good ideas on how we can make money. One is we approved a resolution to accept property from people. For anybody listening out there, if you have a somebody that's passing on and has property, we'd love to take it off your hands and resell it so that we can give it to the Library District.

We also have a couple of other programs out there that we're looking at to help raise money that will come to you with the joint proposal so you can approve it because it is a joint venture. So the money comes to the Foundation and then the Foundation distributes it back to the Library District for programs. We're really excited.

We're low on members. We do have two new members that we're going to -- that we've invited to come onboard; individuals that have been here a long time and understand capacity building, fundraising. And so having said that, I don't want to take too much of your time. We're really, really excited to move forward.

Now, unraveling all that in the minutiae, and the ministerial, that's what the attorneys are for and -- but we're going to get there, we're going to get there. I promise you that we do have very good plans and Director Watson has made time for me about every three weeks, so we can go over what he's looking for in new programming, where to find money and so that that's what we're looking for.

Having said that, I'll entertain any questions. With me today also is Fred, our CPA. He's a CPA and also -- he's also a Board member of the Foundation. With that I'll entertain any questions if anybody has any.

Trustee Sanchez asked Mr. Ortiz about getting a Foundation report for the Board. Mr. Ortiz responded that he will like to come back and do a financial presentation. He also talked about possibly having a joint meeting once a year with a presentation every three months and agreed to wanting to have a Foundation report on the Agenda. Trustee Whiteley asked Mr. Ortiz about the organizational/bylaws tweaks that were being worked and says she is committed to standing the Foundation up the right way to make sure it's a strong Foundation. Mr. Ortiz says they are working on meeting more and raise independent money for a Director. He also responded that there are a couple of areas that need improvement on the bylaws and they are looking to improve the mechanism to help find more money for the District. Trustee Rogers wanted to know if there was any update on a timeline for working on the revised and new agreement between the Foundation and District. Mr. Ortiz replied that he and Director Watson will need to continue discussing to determine how to move the process forward. He will have a more refined plan in October.

Chair Waugh presented Felipe Ortiz a plaque for his time and service of 11 years to the Board of Trustees.

**Executive Session
(Moved up on Agenda)**

Trustee Foyt made a Motion to approve the Executive Session. Trustee Whiteley seconded the motion.

There was no opposition and the Motion carried.

Executive session began at 5:20pm and ended at 5:58pm.

**Library Reports
(Item VI.)**

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

Director Watson thanked the staff and teams for a tremendous Summer Challenge. He also reported that he and Director Segura were slimed at one of the branches. He then reported that September is library sign up month and encouraged everyone to sign up for library card.

Trustee Whiteley thanked staff for a great summer and is excited about seeing the "My First Library Card" signs. She also thanked the library for being proactive and providing cooling stations during the heat wave.

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.
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.)	No questions.
Human Resources Report (Item VI.A.3.c.)	No questions.
Unfinished Business (Item VII.)	None.
New Business (Item VIII.)	
Consent Agenda (Item VIII.A.)	Trustee Whiteley made a Motion to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Rogers seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the Motion carried.

Discussion and possible Board action regarding the appointment of Broker of Record for the District's Workers Compensation and Voluntary Insurances coverage.

No questions.

(Item VIII.A.1.)

Discussion and possible Board action regarding a Second Amendment to the original lease agreement for a Cell Site Lease at the Summerlin Library, with New Cingular Wireless.

No questions.

(Item VIII.A.2.)

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

Presentation/ Discussion from Greenberg Traurig, LLP regarding Bookstore Agreement between the Las Vegas Clark County Library District Board of Trustees, and the Las Vegas Clark County Library District Foundation. Greenberg Traurig has received a preliminary briefing, done initial research and will present their preliminary evaluation to the board.

Counsel Welt reported that during the closed session the Board of Trustees was given a presentation from Elliot Anderson of Greenberg Traurig to get a preliminary briefing. They will meet with the representatives of the Foundation before any decisions are made and report back to the Board.

(No action needed)

(Item VIII.B.1.)

Discussion and possible board action authorizing the

[Betsy Ward, Director of Branding and Marketing read VIII.B.2. into the record]

Executive Director to execute a five-year renewal agreement with website software provider BiblioCommons, subject to final review by Counsel, for the purpose of continuing the Library District's software platform, which is the basis for providing the public with access to the website, the catalog, and the events calendar. (Item VIII.B.2.)

Trustee Jimenez said that she saw the website and it was easy to navigate. She asked about the pricing for the contract and wanted to know if they looked into other options. Ms. Ward responded that in the beginning they did search for other options and BiblioCommons was the most advanced. She also stated that the prices weren't all that different between the others. Trustee Whiteley thanked the Branding and Marketing team for their work and she is impressed by the upgrades BiblioCommons has made for cybersecurity. Trustee Sanchez asked if something went wrong within the five-year contract, could the District get out of the contract. Counsel Welt responded that if the State is not funding they could get out of the contract. Only if they do not comply with the terms of the contract or services aren't provided, the District could get out of the contract. Director Watson commented that although they did not do an official RFP process, it is a very small world when it comes to library software and technology e-commerce sites. He stated that they evaluated BiblioCommons and their capabilities thoroughly. Trustee Sanchez commented that she feels as a Trustee it is important to do an actual RFP process because it allows transparency. Trustee Sanchez mad a Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a five-year agreement, subject to review by Counsel, to continue the software subscription, training, support, and upgrades provided by Software as a Service Provider BiblioCommons. The cost of this five-year agreement is not to exceed \$1,513,513. Trustee Whiteley seconded the Motion.

There was no opposition and the Motion carried.

Announcements (Item X.)

The October Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 5:00pm. Location: Clark County Library, 1401 E Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

The November Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 5:00pm. Location: Sahara West Library, 9600 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

The December Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 5:00pm. Location: West Las Vegas Library, 951 W Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106.

**Public Comment
(Item XI.)**

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Stephany Bremmer
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As a parent and concerned citizen, I volunteered to speak on behalf of Las Vegas Ballet Company. We come here with hesitation as we are afraid of retaliatory behavior from both Signature Productions, as well as Theater Management, who seem deeply concerned about the rights of Signature Productions, who seemed to be personally involved to benefit one another. For the last 15 years, Las Vegas Ballet Company was performing at the Summerlin Library and this the first year that they were not permitted to select dates for December 2024, even though they were the first nonprofit organization to call at the designated time to reserve the space. Signature Productions, a local theater company, had already reserved the theater for most of the month of December, and nobody could provide an explanation as to how that was possible. We were told no policy had been violated, yet further research on our end shows that they reserved the space sometime in November. We are coming to you, the Library Board in hopes that the venue use policy can be amended; that it will not allow a single company to overtake the theater for an allotted amount of time. Instead of having a permanent home, Signature Productions is using the theater as a rehearsal space and holding performances from December 6th through the 22nd, and two of those weekends are typically used by Las Vegas Ballet company and one other dance company. In the meantime, we are first to book dates in January to perform what is typically known as a Christmas production. When the owners of Las Vegas Ballet company contacted Signature Productions, they spoke with Karl Larsen, who specifically asked the owner, Kyudong Kwak, that if he did not have his studio attend this meeting today that he would consider collaborating next year. He also made it known that he subleased some of the days to another company and that we should have come to him first. This proves that they are not holding productions every day. How does Karl Larsen have the authority to make these decisions for this space? This is obviously a clear violation of the contract. Please note that Signature Productions even lists Summerlin Library Theater as their performance space, even though Summerlin Library is a public space that is paid for by taxpayers like myself. Our fear is that this will be a continuous problem in the years to come and we are no longer going to be able to perform this beloved show at Summerlin Library. Several of us, including our children, are here today to express our heartbreak of what has taken place. What this performance means to a child in ballet is the yearly opportunity to be

something magical. They call it The Nutcracker Season.

Good evening, Trustees. My name is Mia Kim. My address is 274 Fairway Woods Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89148. How can I convey to you how important this venue has been to our ballet school and our students? My 7-year-old counts down weekly to her Saturday Nutcracker rehearsals. My 10-year-old excitedly looks forward to the new roles she may get to play in the performance. My daughters are just two of the many young dancers who come to expect their yearly Christmas performance of The Nutcracker at the Summerlin Library Performing Arts Center. Our school Kwak Ballet and their nonprofit organization, the Las Vegas Ballet Company, has been performing at this venue for the past 15 years. During this time, their dream was to provide a stage production for all dancers, young and old, to provide invaluable experience for the dancers and to help them grow and mature in their dance technique, as well as learn to love ballet and the performance of their ballet. Every year, family members from all over the country have loved seeing their loved ones performing in our Nutcracker. These family members are travelling here during their time off during the holidays. Our students are excited to show their hard work to friends and family that come from both near and far. We are all heartbroken in knowing that we will not be able to perform during this holiday season and knowing that we will not be able to share this experience with many of our loved ones this year, especially those who travel from long distances to watch and support our dancers. Additionally, the community in Summerlin as well as the wider Las Vegas community have come to rely on our Nutcracker performance as a very high-level performance yet with ticket prices costing less than half of the price of a ticket at the Smith Center. LVBC is a nonprofit organization. It relies on the ticket sales to cover the cost of their production of The Nutcracker. With our performance being pushed to the end of January, how many people will come to watch our Christmas performance of The Nutcracker? Still, even with the prospect of losing money on this production, our teachers want the show to go on because they are thinking of our students and how heartbroken they will be if the show is canceled entirely. It is truly heart wrenching to all of us that a company like Signature Productions can hijack the Summerlin Library Theatre for the entire month of December by starting their rental during the month of November. Furthermore, Signature Productions is then deciding who they will sublease the theater to. How can this possibly be an appropriate use of the library's theater, a community space that is paid for by taxpayers' dollars? Please, please help us find a solution to this problem. At the very least, for the years to come. Please do not let us be a Nutcracker without a home. Thank

you.

Hello and good evening. My name is Anne Marie Summers. I reside at 353 E Bonneville Unit 614, Las Vegas, NV. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board, I'm a 40-year resident of Las Vegas and an active member of the Las Vegas community. I apologize for my attire as I did not think I would be able to make this meeting and have come straight from work. I am a graduate of UNLV's Theater department and have worked with numerous theater companies, including Signature Productions in the 90s. It was my suggestion that we come here as a united front instead of just allowing to what has occurred, to go unspoken. No one local theater company should speak or negotiate on behalf of the library staff, make threats on what will or will not happen if we speak at tonight's meeting and -- I'm sorry, this is just very emotional for me -- and basically force the heads of this dance company to plead to someone who holds no power. And yet it seems to all of us at Las Vegas Ballet Company that he holds all of the power. apologize for my attire as I did not think I would be able to make this meeting and have come straight from work. I am a graduate of UNLV's Theater department and have worked with numerous theater companies, including Signature Productions in the 90s. It was my suggestion that we come here as a united front instead of just allowing to what has occurred, to go unspoken. No one local theater company should speak or negotiate on behalf of the library staff, make threats on what will or will not happen if we speak at tonight's meeting and -- I'm sorry, this is just very emotional for me -- and basically force the heads of this dance company to plead to someone who holds no power. And yet it seems to all of us at Las Vegas Ballet Company that he holds all of the power. Library spaces should be used for recitals, small, nonprofit companies, lectures, limited performance, public readings, movies and other community events, many of which my family attends. Signature Productions is not Summerlin Library's resident theater company, although if you read their website they would beg to differ. No public entity should have a resident theatre company. They should look at companies such as Las Vegas Little Theatre, Majestic Repertoire Theatre, Vegas Theatre Company who have pulled their resources and created their own spaces. At one time, Signature Productions had their own theater space, and they should find one again if they want to run three-week productions, especially during the holidays. I think of other wonderful theater companies, such as A Public Fit, who utilizes the Flamingo Library for one evening play readings while renting out their performance space from Super Summer Theater Studios for their large-scale productions. They too lost their space after the pandemic, but they don't use their privilege and

their community influence. in attempt to take over a library space while impacting smaller companies. Another example would be the Asylum Theatre, who uses library space, but the rental time is reasonable and does not negatively impact other members of this community. Basically, the children or shall I say, young adults in this room have been booted out of their space because one theater company decided to put on a three-week run, found a way to make the system work for them rather on what it was intended to be. When these rules and regulations were put into place, I highly doubt that it was anybody's intention for something like this to occur. Now that we know it's possible, we're asking for it to be changed so it doesn't happen again.

Good morning, Trustee. I apologize for not having a script, but -- oh, sorry 5701 Heatherwood St. 89149, Las Vegas, of course. I just kind of wanted to reiterate, I am a performer for Las Vegas Ballet Company, and I've been there for 17 years. And then we've had such a good reputation and a good relationship with the Summerlin Library and let's -- I want reinstate that The Nutcracker is not just for us, it is something that sells out nearly every show, four shows a year, for the past ten years, and people come to the show because they love it. Many, many people look forward to it every year at this time of year. And so for the community, it is a huge a huge thing. The community loves it and then people come from a lot of places to make sure that it happens. And the fact that we're not able to do that for the Community because one company had decided to monopolize it using a loophole, as well as bullying -- let's call it what it is. They are bullying us into accepting whatever terms that they come up with since they hold all the dates, even threatening us that if we come to this meeting that they won't compromise with us next year. It's just very anti-community, anti-cooperation, and it's honestly just very condescending to us. And frankly, we just find it very upsetting that this is happening to us, and we really just want to put on a show that the community will love, a show that the parents will love and something that really brings people to the Summerlin Library for a very celebratory purpose and unfortunately we can't do that for this year and possibly many years to come. Thank you.

**Adjournment
(Item XII.)**

Chair Waugh adjourned the meeting at 6:33 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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P					
Rogers	Keith	A	P	A-E	A-E	P	P	P	P	P	A-E	P		P	P		A	P					
Jiron	Jennifer	P	P	P	P		A-E		P	P	P	P	P	P	P		A	A-E					
Turner Whiteley	Kate	P	P	P	P		A-E	P	P	P	P	P		P	A-E		A	P					
Foyt	Elizabeth	A-E		P	P		P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		A	P					
Ortiz (Term Ended 7/11/24)	Felipe	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Benavidez	Kelly	A-E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			A-E	A-E		P	P					
Sanchez	Elaine	P		P	P		P		P	A-E	P	P	P	P	A		P	P					
Dutkowski	Karen	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P					
White (Term Began 7/16/24)	Claytee																						
Jimenez (Term Began 8/7/24)	Aranzazu																						
Shelton (Term Ended 4/9/24)	Chris	P		P	A-E	P	P		P														

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