

LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AT THE WINDMILL LIBRARY AND VIA ZOOM
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

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[Meeting began at 12:02 p.m.]

PRESIDENT ORTIZ: Hello. 12:02 p.m. This is the Las Vegas-Clark County Library Foundation Board meeting. We are in person at the Windmill Library and on Zoom.

First of all, let's go ahead and take roll call. LaShea, thank you so much.

MS. WEST: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone.

Director Felipe Ortiz.

CHAIR ORTIZ: Present.

MS. WEST: Director Michelle Sanders.

VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Present.

MS. WEST: Director Nicole Rogers.

SECRETARY ROGERS: Present.

MS. WEST: Director Fred James.

TREASURER JAMES: Present.

MS. WEST: Director Pamela Graham.

DIRECTOR GRAHAM: Present.

MS. WEST: Director Shannon Axelrod.

DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Here.

MS. WEST: Director Vicki Gasca.

1 [No heard response.]
2 Director Jorge Cervantes.
3 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: Present.
4 MS. WEST: Director Kelvin Watson.
5 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: Present.
6 MS. WEST: Thank you. We have quorum, Chair.
7 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you
8 for being present at this meeting. And so first of all, public
9 comment. Topics raised under this item may be limited to the
10 matters on today's agenda. Persons wishing to speak on public
11 comment, must sign in on the sign in sheet before this item is
12 addressed. The public comments should be limited to no more
13 than 45 minutes for both periods. Any remarks made by the public
14 shall be limited to three minutes. A speaker may not transfer any
15 time, although the Chair has the authority to grant additional time.
16 When more than 15 people wish to comment, the Chair shall
17 appropriately reduce the time allotted to a maximum of 45 minutes.
18 Ms. LaShea, are there anybody -- or is anybody online for
19 public comment?
20 MS. WEST: No, there's no public comment.
21 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Thank you very much. And I do
22 apologize, I think they sent the proposed agenda last week and I
23 also sent it out last night. If there are no questions at this time, I'll
24 accept a motion to approve the proposed agenda.
25 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: So moved.

1 SECRETARY ROGERS: So moved.

2 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Oh, second.

3 CHAIR ORTIZ: And can you identify the seconds? Sorry,

4 I'm over here on the phone.

5 SECRETARY ROGERS: I think it was myself, Rogers --

6 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

7 SECRETARY ROGERS: -- and Shannon.

8 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Correct.

9 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay, very good. All in favor?

10 [ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]

11 CHAIR ORTIZ: Anybody opposed?

12 [No heard response.]

13 Okay. Motion carries. Thank you so much.

14 And Ms. LaShea, did we send out Minutes from the

15 February 13, 2025 meeting?

16 MS. WEST: Yes, they are attached to the packet.

17 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay, very good.

18 Does anybody have any questions or comments on the

19 previous Board meeting minutes of February 13, 2025?

20 [No heard response.]

21 Okay, hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to accept and

22 approve the Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025.

23 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: So moved.

24 CHAIR ORTIZ: So moved by Michelle, I believe.

25 Is there a second?

1 TREASURER JAMES: Second.

2 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. All in favor?

3 [ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]

4 CHAIR ORTIZ: Anybody opposed?

5 [No heard response.]

6 Okay. Nobody opposed. Motion carries. Thank you very

7 much.

8 Next item. Tamar Hoapili, I think I got her name --

9 MS. HOAPILI: Yes.

10 CHAIR ORTIZ: -- correctly, was a previous Board member.

11 And legal counsel, correct me if I'm wrong, you have to sit out a

12 year and what to reapply?

13 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Right. She used to be the Chair,

14 and so she had to wait a year to be a director now.

15 CHAIR ORTIZ: And the time has tolled already; it has

16 passed, right?

17 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Yes.

18 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. So she qualifies to be -- Ms. Tamar

19 asked to be placed back on the Board, and so does anybody have

20 any questions? She works for Cox Communications.

21 SECRETARY ROGERS: She's amazing. I move to accept

22 her.

23 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

24 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Second.

25 CHAIR ORTIZ: Very. Is there a second?

1 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Sorry. Second.

2 CHAIR ORTIZ: No, very good. Is there a second on
3 approving Tamar as a Foundation Board member for two years?

4 Okay. I hear a second.

5 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Can you hear me?

6 CHAIR ORTIZ: Yes.

7 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Yes, second from Michelle.

8 CHAIR ORTIZ: Very good. Thank you, Michelle.

9 All right. All in favor?

10 [ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]

11 CHAIR ORTIZ: Anybody opposed?

12 [No heard response.]

13 Okay. Motion carries. Thank you so much.

14 And if you can think of at least two or three more people,
15 please let us know. Or let me know and then we'll put them on the
16 agenda, okay?

17 Next item on the agenda we had asked -- I tasked Michelle
18 and Mr. Cervantes -- Jorge Cervantes to take a look at a job
19 description for the Executive Director of the Foundation. They
20 met -- well, Michelle, go ahead and tell us your process real quick.

21 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Sure. So the committee was
22 actually myself, Jorge and Nicole. We met with Jeff Serpico -- am I
23 saying his name right? With Jeff from the District to assist us with
24 this and it was a very smooth process thanks to Jeff. He really put
25 in some tremendous research and work. So I thank the team from

1 the District for helping us with that.

2 And what you see in front of you is what we were able to
3 come up with and our recommendations thereafter. So hopefully
4 everyone's had a chance to look at the job description. And if you
5 all have any comments, please put them forward now.

6 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay, very good.

7 Michelle, did you have any comments on that? Do you
8 feel comfortable with it?

9 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: I am very comfortable with it. I
10 think the time that we put in and the effort that Jeff put in combined
11 made for a good job description that I believe is ready to go.

12 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Jorge, did you feel comfortable with
13 it also?

14 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: Yes, I did. You know, thank you
15 to Michelle for taking the lead on it, but it came out as a good
16 product.

17 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay, very good.

18 And Ms. Nicole, did you have any further comments or --
19 and you feel comfortable with it?

20 SECRETARY ROGERS: Nope, it was a great team. They
21 did a great job. Michelle took the reins, and we -- I think -- well, I
22 feel very comfortable with it as well.

23 CHAIR ORTIZ: Very good. And Mr. Serpico, I just wanted
24 to see, did we miss anything, or did we capture everything that we
25 need? I'm sure we can change it if -- or amend it if we needed to,

1 but for now did it all our needs?

2 MR. SERPICO: Yes, it does.

3 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay, very good. So Michelle, if you'll
4 make the motion to accept the job description -- approve and accept
5 the job description as provided for the Director of the Foundation.

6 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: I move to accept the job
7 description as provided and that it be --

8 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. And --

9 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: -- accepted by the Board.

10 CHAIR ORTIZ: -- who will make the second?

11 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: Second.

12 CHAIR ORTIZ: Any further questions?

13 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: Mr. Chair, I did have a question.
14 I'm very comfortable with the job description moving forward. I'm
15 just concerned about next steps given that I still haven't seen a
16 funding source to be able to fund this position to go out for
17 recruitment. I don't know if that's part of the agreement on the next
18 item, but I didn't see it in the agreement either, so I'm just
19 concerned about the funding source to be able to move forward
20 with this.

21 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Thank you very much. We will talk
22 about that in just a little bit, okay?

23 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: Okay.

24 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: And --

1 CHAIR ORTIZ: A legitimate question.

2 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: I don't have a question, but I do
3 have a comment because one area we were not able to address is
4 the cost of benefits on the open market. So just to make a note that
5 everyone is aware that that is not complete. We would have to do
6 some research on what the open market looks like to fill in that
7 area.

8 TREASURER JAMES: So as a question -- then I have a
9 question -- just one question. So when you say plus additional
10 compensation, so it would be whatever salary we give and then --

11 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Plus money --

12 TREASURER JAMES: -- on top of that --

13 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: -- because we won't be able to
14 get them insurance as one individual --

15 TREASURER JAMES: Okay.

16 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: -- so that we would have to in
17 some way compensate them for that --

18 TREASURER JAMES: Okay.

19 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: -- that benefit.

20 TREASURER JAMES: So if we hired someone at the max,
21 at 145, I'm just saying --

22 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

23 TREASURER JAMES: -- as an example, then it would be
24 plus whatever the benefits would be; right?

25 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Whatever benefits we decide are

1 going to be part of the benefit package.

2 TREASURER JAMES: Okay. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Very good. Does anybody else have
4 any questions or comments?

5 [No heard response.]

6 Okay, having heard none -- we already voted to approve,
7 correct or have -- Ms. LaShea, did I make -- did I ask for a vote?

8 MS. WEST: No, you did not.

9 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. All in favor?

10 [ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]

11 CHAIR ORTIZ: Anybody opposed?

12 [No heard response.]

13 Okay. Motion carries. Thank you so much.

14 Okay. So the next item started about two years ago as far
15 as trying to get an agreement between the Las Vegas-Clark County
16 Library District and the Foundation. There was a request for the
17 Foundation to stand alone and stand on their own footing. And so
18 part of that is an agreement, right? Everything we do is to benefit
19 the Library District and so you have an agreement there.

20 The problem that -- I want to table this item because we
21 really need to meet in person with the director and I believe there's
22 two -- there's a legal counsel that helped prepare that and so it's not
23 quite ready. I just wanted everybody to know that we have not sat
24 on that; we have been working on it, but it's not ready for an
25 approval. You do have it. There's some items that we want to

1 make sure we're comfortable with and that -- it limits the liability of
2 the Foundation also. And so with that, that also helps us determine
3 the funding source, but we're real -- getting real close. I'm excited.

4 Lastly, having that agreement gives us permission and the
5 authority to go raise up -- raise money. And so that's one of the
6 things that I'd like to see done.

7 Ms. Briana, did I miss anything?

8 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: No, Felipe. Really, we're still
9 negotiating with the District on some of the terms.

10 So we received back a red line to our initial draft and
11 previously the Board had voted for us to continue to work with the
12 District and their Counsel on negotiating this agreement. Now
13 we've received the revisions, and we wanted to be transparent with
14 the Board to show you what the revisions were, which are red lined
15 and what's on the screen and it shows there's still some work that
16 needs to be done.

17 So 1, the Foundation -- or the District is proposing some
18 seed funding to the Foundation. So essentially, they're willing to
19 give up to 20 percent of the three-million-dollar endowment as seed
20 funding to the Foundation. In addition, 5 percent of the Bookstore
21 revenue to assist the Foundation in moving forward because
22 obviously separating all the functions is going to require the
23 Foundation to have money to be able to pay a staff member like the
24 director position. So that was one change that was made.

25 And then in addition to that, in the agreement, they made

1 some changes as to a target of at least \$500,000 contribution from
2 the Foundation to the District, a requirement that you keep your
3 administrative overhead under 20 percent. Another thing that
4 we've discussed, Felipe and I, is making sure that the Foundation is
5 protected so we would want to include some type of
6 indemnification provision in this Memorandum of Understanding.

7 So there's still really -- there's still work to be done, but
8 we're moving in the right direction, and we want the Board to be
9 updated on that.

10 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. So that kind of answers a lot and
11 answers nothing. Basically, we're still --

12 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: I know.

13 CHAIR ORTIZ: -- negotiating. We're real close. Thank
14 you, Mr. Kelvin Watson and -- for getting us together for the last
15 two years, but we really do need to meet in person and finish this
16 off so we can put it on a final agenda item both for this Foundation,
17 and both for the Library District Board.

18 TREASURER JAMES: Chair?

19 CHAIR ORTIZ: And -- so Fred, did you have a question?

20 TREASURER JAMES: Yeah. I -- in this contract the -- we
21 can't do anything. We have no funding. 20 percent that needs to
22 be a clarification. When they say 20 percent of the Endowment
23 Fund or 20 percent of what we raised. I think all of these things
24 need to be worked out because we don't have any funding for next
25 year's budget.

1 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Right.

2 TREASURER JAMES: We don't have a clarification on
3 what we can and cannot do. The presentation I did back in January
4 or November [indiscernible.]

5 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. And I'm not there present --
6 Shannon, did you have any questions or comments?

7 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: No. I thank you all for
8 doing the work. I -- my concern is the Bookstore, the 5 percent
9 seems really low because that's, you know, a revenue source for us.
10 But I know you guys have been working really hard, so I just think,
11 yeah, we need to meet in person.

12 TREASURER JAMES: Part of -- if I could -- these are the
13 things that we really, really, really need to work on because they've
14 redefined a lot of the job duties that they were going to do; that
15 they're going to take over. So we really need to meet with them all
16 personally on this and go through each section, section by section,
17 and make sure we have clarification on exactly what is being done.

18 My other question is to Briana. Were you able to work
19 with the other attorney?

20 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: So unfortunately, I -- yes, I can
21 work with her. What happened was I got the revisions last week
22 and I was out of town, so there was no other discussion with her.
23 But I don't see why we wouldn't be able to work together. And
24 plus, I wanted to update the Board on what the revisions were and
25 know -- and make sure that I'm on the -- before I go back to her and

1 tell her, hey, these are the -- these are our concerns, I wanted to talk
2 to the Board and make sure everybody's on the same page.

3 TREASURER JAMES: I think that we need to -- I may need
4 to be a part of that meeting and maybe the Board Chair or maybe
5 the Vice-Chair could be a part of that meeting --

6 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Yes, I agree.

7 TREASURER JAMES: -- when it comes to parts of the --
8 this agreement, especially regarding indemnification of funding
9 sourcing and something that we can all agree on, because if we
10 don't have funding sources, we're in the same spot today as we
11 were last year. We have no funding.

12 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: I agree.

13 TREASURER JAMES: So we need to make sure we work
14 those out.

15 And if we hire somebody -- like I said in the beginning, for
16 us to hire a person, we need to make sure that we have at least two
17 years of funding. And if this is not working out for us at the end of
18 two years, then we -- the contract comes up and we renegotiate or
19 whatever we have to do. So that's the input that I want to put into
20 this at this particular time.

21 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Thank you.

22 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you very much. So one quick
23 comment. What's happening around us today is that there's going
24 to be less money, public money and private money, so it's really
25 important that we get this right because we are here to help raise

1 money for the District, for their programs. And we have the
2 capacity; we have the means. I just want to feel comfortable that
3 we have the authority to do that without having a lot of liability on
4 us.

5 And we'll do a good job, Director Watson. We promise
6 we'll, you know, do a good job. We just need this done as quickly
7 as possible so we can move forward.

8 Was there anybody else with any comments before I ask
9 to table this item?

10 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: I have a question.

11 CHAIR ORTIZ: Go ahead, Michelle.

12 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: I just want a little clarity around
13 the seed funding to the Foundation of -- I believe it would equate to
14 about 300,000; is that correct, Brianna?

15 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: No, it seems to be way less than
16 that. The proposal is about 30,000 per year -- 43,000 per year.

17 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Okay.

18 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: The first year is 118 because
19 they're proposing to give you 5 percent of some Bookstore money
20 that's being held, which I was actually going to ask the Chair if I
21 could bring this up. But there's a revision in the MOU that the
22 Foundation is currently holding \$500,000, which I believe came
23 from some past activities with the Bookstore sales. And so that's a
24 topic that we need to discuss about this 500,000.

25 And so what they're proposing is 5 percent of that 500,000

1 would be for the first year for a total of about 118,000. But that's
2 only for the first year and then moving forward, it would only be
3 about 43,000 per year.

4 TREASURER JAMES: And that's a big issue --

5 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Right.

6 TREASURER JAMES: -- for funding for the District and it's
7 something we really need to work on. And we can't work on it
8 today, but we need to work on that in negotiations.

9 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Right. I mean, this is all I have to
10 say. I've been working on this for two years. I worked on it with
11 Elaine, with Tamar, with Felipe and I know the Board -- the old -- the
12 older Board members know this because we've had multiple
13 meetings about it. And so this is a step in the right direction. We
14 got revisions back and at least some proposal. It's just been a long
15 time coming.

16 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. So to continue that -- what
17 I was saying. So that 118 or whatever amount, that seed money is
18 to be used towards administrative expense or is there a specific
19 area that is supposed to be used in because, again, going back to
20 Jorge's comment is how we're going to pay for this position, but
21 we need the position in order to raise funds. So we're kind of like a
22 dog chasing his tail right now. So I want to make sure that we're in
23 a good position to do so.

24 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Yes. And it would be towards
25 administrative expenses.

1 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. Thank you. That ends my
2 questions.

3 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: You're welcome.

4 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you. Does anybody else have any
5 questions?

6 Mr. Cervantes, did we -- we didn't clearly answer your
7 answer, but gave you a little bit of scope of what we're moving
8 toward. Do you have any questions?

9 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: No, it just sounds like that
10 conversation needs to continue to identify that funding source
11 before we can actually do anything with an executive director
12 position.

13 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. So I would -- and I believe I just
14 need to ask that this item be tabled to the next meeting?

15 And Briana --

16 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Yes, that's --

17 CHAIR ORTIZ: -- do I need a motion --

18 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: -- correct.

19 CHAIR ORTIZ: -- or can I just table it?

20 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: No, you could table it because
21 we've already received approval from the Board to meet with the
22 District and their Counsel to negotiate this agreement.

23 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay, very good.

24 TREASURER JAMES: Have we set any meeting dates on
25 that yet?

1 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: I don't have any meeting dates,
2 but I will get with you and Felipe and the District and their Counsel
3 so we can set it up.

4 TREASURER JAMES: Okay, thank you.

5 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: You're welcome.

6 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you very much. Okay. So that item,
7 Item No. VIII, if I -- it will be tabled to the next meeting, Ms. LaShea.

8 Okay, very good. Chair's report. Basically, I've talked to a
9 lot of individuals about donating money. There's -- they're not in
10 the millions but they are sufficient to help us move forward. But I
11 really would like to have the agreement.

12 I've been meeting with the accounting office there for the
13 District. Interestingly enough, I'm on a lot of accounts. I get dinged
14 a lot. I'm ready to transfer money for the final payments for the
15 West Las Vegas Library. Pretty much Floresto and Martha have
16 been on top of that with direction of the Director, but I'm ready to
17 transfer that money so that property can be paid for when all the
18 money comes in.

19 Fred -- that's my report. Fred, the Treasurer's report?

20 TREASURER JAMES: I'm not going to waste anybody's
21 time on this Treasury report. We have lots of assets, but we don't
22 have enough cash, working cash to go forward. We don't have
23 enough cash to pay for salaries. We don't have enough cash to
24 even pay for the monthly bills. We have to make sure we keep our
25 meetings short with our attorney just to make sure we have enough

1 cash to pay our attorney.

2 So I'm just going to tell you we only have about just under
3 \$100,000 in cash assets. Anything else -- and we have about
4 500,000 in -- that could be used for our seed money and that's what
5 I was hoping that we could get. That's something we're going to
6 have to negotiate on. Hopefully the District is amenable to that, so
7 that we could be able to move forward. If we could get that in seed
8 money, then we can move forward and we can make sure that we
9 get things done in that two-year -- the next time this contract has to
10 be renewed.

11 And we might have to ask for three years instead of a two-
12 year contract because it's going to take six months to find
13 somebody to hire, especially at this rate -- at these wages. And
14 plus, a lot of people may or may not want to apply for the position
15 when they don't understand how we continue funding sources that
16 we're going to have. So that's my input to that. So we --

17 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you very much.

18 TREASURER JAMES: -- don't have the cash. All we got to
19 do is negotiate some funding sources and then whatever is going to
20 go to our administrative and whatever is going toward whatever
21 programs that the District want to fund.

22 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay, very good.

23 Next item -- does anybody have any questions for Fred?

24 [No heard response.]

25 Hearing none, Director Watson, is he present?

1 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: I am present, Chair
2 Ortiz.

3 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you very much. Tell us -- if I can
4 direct just a little bit, tell us about the West Las Vegas; how far
5 along are we and what's the exciting news.

6 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: I actually was just over
7 at the West Las Vegas Library at 10:00 a.m. this morning doing a
8 quick tour, so that's why I was a few minutes late coming to the
9 meeting. The library, if you have an opportunity to drive down
10 MLK, you'll see that it is certainly coming along. We are in the
11 process of planning to prepare the concrete actually for the parking
12 as we speak.

13 We're probably at about 80 percent or so complete with
14 the actual building. We're looking at, depending on supply issues
15 that -- as a result of things that are happening with tariffs, et cetera,
16 we're looking at potentially having possession of the building in
17 and around October of this year, maybe with an opening of the
18 library in December, probably a soft opening with a full grand
19 opening sometime maybe around February or so.

20 But, again, that is all up to some -- again, I heard this
21 morning power -- we may be looking at a 12-week wait to get
22 power established actually in the building.

23 But the building itself is 80 -- like I said around 80 percent
24 complete, so if you go over there, if you want, if you -- any of the
25 Foundation Board would like to schedule a tour, we can look at a

1 date and go over and walk you around. It is a construction site, so
2 it is pretty busy over there. But I would encourage everybody if
3 they haven't, again, to just drive over and see the building. It's
4 actually looking great. The windows are in, glass is in, elevator is
5 almost in. You know, walls are all up, so it's looking quite good.

6 So that's the West Las Vegas update. And as again, if you
7 let us know, we normally will try to get as many people together as
8 we can to do a tour. The tour lasts about an hour to kind of walk
9 the site and walk the building. And we'd love to, you know, take
10 you through that when you're ready.

11 Regarding my report, I've issued my report for my
12 activities -- for some of my activities from January to March 2025.
13 Continue to meet with numerous partners in the community, as
14 well as share what's happening with the Library District, both
15 locally, as well as nationally. We are in the midst of our --
16 beginning of our Summer Challenge, so we had some great results
17 last year and looking for some similar results or better this year
18 with some of our partners and we're starting in about a month [no
19 sound] for people to, you know, sign up and get going, up to and
20 including four packs of tickets from the NBA Summer League that
21 have been donated to the Library District.

22 We are also preparing to attend the American Library
23 Association Conference that will be held in Philadelphia this year
24 from the 26th of June to the 30th of June. And the Library District
25 will be receiving some awards and recognitions again this year

1 from the American Library Association. So looking forward to that.

2 And I just returned from Qatar last week where I was
3 present -- where I was representing the Library District as the [no
4 sound for a few seconds].

5 That's kind of what's been happening via my report, and
6 I'll take any questions that you have at this time.

7 TREASURER JAMES: I have a question, Chair. If you
8 noticed --

9 CHAIR ORTIZ: Yes, go ahead.

10 TREASURER JAMES: If you noticed on his report, he said
11 he met with the Library District Foundation President and Treasurer
12 to discuss. So that -- either that happened in January, February or
13 March or April. Did we have a meeting? I wasn't -- was I a part --
14 he has me down as part of a meeting. I wasn't -- I don't remember
15 being a part of that meeting.

16 CHAIR ORTIZ: He met with me.

17 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: I -- the only thing --

18 TREASURER JAMES: Maybe that should be just a
19 correction --

20 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: Maybe it's a typo.

21 TREASURER JAMES: -- a correction that probably needs
22 to be made.

23 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you, Director --

24 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: Oh, so no. We met in
25 December.

1 [No sound; delay.]

2 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

3 [No sound; delay.]

4 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you, Fred. Did you have any
5 questions or comments, Fred?

6 TREASURER JAMES: Yeah. I have one more. Was I a
7 part of that meeting because I don't remember it.

8 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: You were a part of the
9 meeting in December. I'm explaining to you, Fred, how my reports
10 are done that I submit to my Board. We met in December to
11 discuss the agreement. You, me and Chair Ortiz.

12 TREASURER JAMES: Okay. You said -- what I heard you
13 said is your meeting was covered from January, February, March,
14 April.

15 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: Yeah, these are my
16 Executive Director's Monthly Reports that I submit from January to
17 March of 2025. So if my Board is looking at these reports, they're
18 normally a month behind. So I submit my report in January from
19 my activities in December, so that's what you're looking at.

20 TREASURER JAMES: Okay. Thank you. I just don't
21 remember --

22 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you.

23 TREASURER JAMES: -- meeting.

24 CHAIR ORTIZ: First of all, Director Watson, thank you.
25 You've knocked it out of the park as far as West Las Vegas, given

1 the times that we're in, given the political arenas that are out there
2 that don't want to fund libraries, I'm really, really super excited and
3 glad that this is going to get to the finish line in an area where it's
4 most needed. So thank you again and please thank the Trustees
5 and of course your staff.

6 Does anybody else have any questions for Director
7 Watson?

8 Shannon, I know you're online. Did you have any
9 questions?

10 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: I was curious to hear that
11 he said that he was in Qatar, I believe, but I didn't hear what the
12 reason was. I'm just curious.

13 EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR WATSON: I was the keynote
14 speaker for their Libraries Lead Forum that was held at the Qatar
15 National Library in Doha. So that's why I was there.

16 CHAIR ORTIZ: Very good. Thank you. Does anybody
17 else, Nicole, Michelle or Mr. Cervantes, have any questions or
18 comments or any other Trustees -- I mean Board Directors.

19 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: No questions.

20 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Watson, for the
21 report. And, again, thank you for continuing to move the Library
22 District forward. It's -- great job, great job. Thank you.

23 Let's see public comment. Before we do that, tomorrow
24 we have an election meeting online, Zoom at 12:00. And Ms.
25 LaShea, are we going to use the same code or is it going to be a

1 different code?

2 MS. WEST: It's a different code. I sent it out to all of the
3 Board members.

4 CHAIR ORTIZ: If you can resend it out again. I know I got
5 it, but my e-mail gets stacked.

6 MS. WEST: Of course.

7 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you so much.

8 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Chair --

9 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

10 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: -- I do have a question about
11 tomorrow's elections.

12 CHAIR ORTIZ: Sure.

13 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Do we have the documentation
14 on terms and where people are on their terms? Because we got in
15 trouble with that before of --

16 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

17 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: -- extending beyond --

18 CHAIR ORTIZ: Good point.

19 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: -- their terms.

20 CHAIR ORTIZ: I will make sure we send that out today,
21 okay?

22 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. Thank you.

23 CHAIR ORTIZ: Yeah. We'll get it to you as quickly as we
24 can. Very good.

25 Any other questions for tomorrow's meeting?

1 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: I have a question Felipe,
2 it's Shannon. I have another meeting at the exact same time. I can
3 try and step out. Do we know about how long it will take? Can I
4 just come in to vote or otherwise I --

5 CHAIR ORTIZ: Yes, you can come in --

6 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: -- can't make it.

7 CHAIR ORTIZ: -- to vote. I would say at the -- barring any
8 questions, 12:10, 12:15.

9 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Okay.

10 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

11 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: I will do my best.

12 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

13 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Thanks.

14 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you so much.

15 Public comment. Topics raised under this item cannot be
16 acted upon until notice provisions of the open meeting laws have
17 been met. Anybody wishing to speak in public or online must have
18 signed in or sent a message.

19 Ms. LaShea, do we have any public comment at this time?

20 MS. WEST: There's no public comment.

21 CHAIR ORTIZ: And does anybody else have any other
22 announcements?

23 [No heard response.]

24 Okay, having heard none, having heard no public
25 comment, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

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I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Motion to adjourn.

TREASURER JAMES: I'd second.

CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you. Second.

All in favor?

[ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]

CHAIR ORTIZ: All right. Thank you, everybody for the
hard work. We're going to get this done. Appreciate it. Thank you
so much.

[Meeting concluded at 12:35 p.m.]

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