

1 LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
2 FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING VIA ZOOM
3 FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

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5 [Meeting began at unidentified time.]

6 MS. WEST: Sure. Good afternoon, everyone.

7 Felipe -- Director Felipe Ortiz.

8 CHAIR ORTIZ: Present.

9 MS. WEST: Director Michelle Sanders.

10 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Present.

11 MS. WEST: Director Nicole Rogers.

12 SECRETARY ROGERS: Present.

13 MS. WEST: Director Fred James.

14 TREASURER JAMES: Here.

15 MS. WEST: Director Pamela Graham.

16 DIRECTOR GRAHAM: Here.

17 MS. WEST: Director Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod.

18 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Here.

19 MS. WEST: Director Vicki Gasca.

20 DIRECTOR GASCA: Here.

21 MS. WEST: Director Jorge Cervantes.

22 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: Here.

23 MS. WEST: Director Kelvin Watson.

24 [No heard response.]

25 We have a quorum, Chair.

1 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you very much. Public comment.
2 Topics raised under this item must be limited to matters on today's
3 agenda. Persons wishing to speak in public must sign in or send us
4 an e-mail before. They are limited by their remarks to no more than
5 three minutes. And a person may not transfer their time for a total
6 of 45 minutes.

7 Ms. LaShea, are there any -- is anybody online and they
8 wanted to speak or any public comment?

9 MS. WEST: We do not have any public comment today.

10 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you very much. No public
11 comment.

12 Today's agenda is to elect the Executive Board for the
13 2025 Annual Board of Elections. That is the proposed agenda.
14 Does anybody have any questions?

15 [No heard response.]

16 I'll entertain a motion to approve the proposed agenda.

17 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: So moved.

18 TREASURER JAMES: Second.

19 CHAIR ORTIZ: Is there a second?

20 TREASURER JAMES: Second.

21 CHAIR ORTIZ: Second by Fred.

22 All in favor?

23 [ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]

24 CHAIR ORTIZ: Anybody opposed?

25 [No heard response.]

1 Thank you very much.

2 Also online is our legal counsel, Briana Martinez. Ms.
3 Martinez, if you can explain to us the procedure and the terms that
4 are occurring for the Board members.

5 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Yes. So in this meeting, we only
6 have to do the nominations and voting for the officers, which are
7 the Chair, the Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. All of the
8 directors are still within their four-year term, so there is no need to
9 nominate or vote for any of the director positions. Just so
10 everybody knows, Jorge and Vicki were nominated and voted on, I
11 think late in 2024. I don't have the exact dates on them, but it was
12 in 2024. And please correct me if that's wrong, but I think it was --

13 CHAIR ORTIZ: November 18th, 2024.

14 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Perfect. Okay.

15 Shannon was voted on January 17th, 2023, and Pamela,
16 May 18th, 2023. So, again, we do not need to vote on any directors
17 unless somebody wanted to nominate a new director. The only
18 voting that needs to occur today is on the officers because the
19 officer positions are only for one-year terms.

20 CHAIR ORTIZ: And just to recap, as a director, you're on
21 four years and four years --

22 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Correct.

23 CHAIR ORTIZ: -- before you're termed out.

24 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: So the terms are four years, and
25 you have the ability to be nominated and voted on for two terms

1 so -- consecutively, so it's a total of eight years for the directors.

2 CHAIR ORTIZ: And if you sit out a year, you can come
3 back and be elected -- appointed to the Board, elected back on the
4 Board. And then even if you do eight years, if you're the Executive
5 Board, you can continue on a year at a time.

6 COUNSEL MARTINEZ: Yes; correct.

7 CHAIR ORTIZ: Does anybody have any questions for our
8 legal counsel?

9 [No heard response.]

10 Okay, having heard none.

11 So basically, I'd like to continue as the Chair and there's
12 very specific reason. We're waiting to transfer approximately 42
13 million money to pay for the West Las Vegas Library. And I could
14 candidly tell you it's been very painful, like pulling off a scab, trying
15 to get on three checking accounts. It really is very painful and so
16 when they call for the transfer, it's going to be an immediate same
17 day within four hours, I think was what I told -- I was told.

18 And so that means it would not be enough time for the
19 new chair to go to the banks, send in the forms, wait for the bankers
20 to approve them. And there's approximately three banks involved
21 in this transfer of New Markets Tax Credits money. And so for that
22 reason, I believe it's a good -- or prudent to allow myself and this
23 this Executive Board to continue for another year.

24 Secondly, thank you to Kelvin Watson, we're able to get a
25 meeting together on May 30th to get our agreement with the

1 Library District on board and so continuity is important.

2 But having said that, if anybody wants to run, they're

3 allowed to run. Anybody that wants to drop out, they're allowed to

4 drop out.

5 So real quick going around, Fred, did you have any

6 questions or comments?

7 TREASURER JAMES: No. No questions, no comments.

8 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Ms. Pamela Graham, did you have

9 any questions or comments?

10 [No heard response.]

11 TREASURER JAMES: Your speaker's off. Pam, your

12 speaker is off.

13 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Felipe, this is Shannon.

14 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

15 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: After you go around, I

16 would -- I'll make the motion.

17 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay.

18 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: Can we do a whole slate?

19 CHAIR ORTIZ: Yep.

20 DIRECTOR GRAHAM: Yeah. I don't have anything.

21 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you very much.

22 DIRECTOR GRAHAM: Sorry. I couldn't figure out --

23 CHAIR ORTIZ: Nicole, any questions or comments?

24 Nicole Rogers?

25 SECRETARY ROGERS: No questions.

1 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you.

2 SECRETARY ROGERS: And no comments.

3 CHAIR ORTIZ: Vicki Gasca --

4 SECRETARY ROGERS: I think it's great.

5 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Thank you so much.

6 Vicki Gasca, any questions or comments?

7 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Who did you call on?

8 CHAIR ORTIZ: Victoria Gasca.

9 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Okay.

10 DIRECTOR GASCA: No, sir; I do not.

11 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you so much.

12 Jorge Cervantes, any questions or comments?

13 DIRECTOR CERVANTES: No, no. I support the current

14 Executive Team.

15 CHAIR ORTIZ: Michelle Sanders, do you have any

16 questions or comments?

17 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: None.

18 CHAIR ORTIZ: Very good.

19 Did I miss anybody?

20 [No heard response.]

21 Okay. I'll entertain a motion for the Chair, Felipe Ortiz;

22 Vice-Chair, Michelle Sanders; Secretary, Nicole Rogers; and

23 Treasurer, Frederick James for another year. Who will make --

24 DIRECTOR BILBRAY-AXELROD: I would make that

25 motion.

1 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Is there a second?
2 DIRECTOR GRAHAM: Second.
3 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Any questions? Discussion?
4 Okay. Having heard the motion and no further discussion,
5 all in favor?
6 [ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]
7 CHAIR ORTIZ: Anybody opposed?
8 [No heard response.]
9 Okay. Motion carries.
10 Thank you. And our legal counsel is going to produce an
11 actual spreadsheet with the dates of everybody. We have one, but
12 it's not updated, so we'll make sure we get that out again.
13 Thank you very much. Appreciate the vote of confidence
14 and we'll get the bank transfers done as quick -- they told me
15 June -- the second week in June, probably. We will get our
16 agreement reviewed on May 30th with Director Watson and their
17 attorneys, and then we move forward.
18 Having heard that, is there any public comment?
19 MS. WEST: There's no public comment.
20 CHAIR ORTIZ: No public comment?
21 MS. WEST: No public comment.
22 CHAIR ORTIZ: Okay. Thank you very much.
23 Our next meetings -- we'll call for other meetings as soon
24 as we get the agreement, but our next meeting, if you can mark it
25 on your calendars, is Thursday, August 14th and Thursday,

1 November 13th. Those are standard meetings, but we're going to
2 have about four or five other meetings way before then after we get
3 the agreement to discuss advertising for a director, okay? An
4 executive director.

5 Does any anybody have any announcements?

6 [No heard response.]

7 Okay. No announcements.

8 At this time, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

9 VICE-CHAIR SANDERS: Motion to adjourn.

10 CHAIR ORTIZ: Thank you. Any second?

11 TREASURER JAMES: I second.

12 CHAIR ORTIZ: All in favor?

13 [ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT]

14 CHAIR ORTIZ: Anybody opposed?

15 [No heard response.]

16 Thank you, everybody. Have a good weekend and we'll
17 get back to as quickly as we can with the good news.

18 [Meeting concluded at unspecified time.]

19 * * * Total Meeting Run Time – 8 minutes* * *

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21 ATTEST: I do hereby certify that I have truly and correctly
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23 meeting to the best of my ability.

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