



King County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
KCLS Service Center
5pm ♦ June 29, 2022

MOTIONS APPROVED

PRESENT

KCLS Board

Ron Higgs
Srinil Raghavan
Anne Repass
Lalita Uppala
Laura Valenziano

KCLS Staff

Maria Bassett
Angie Benedetti*
Nicholas Lee*
Angie Mirafior
Sergio Razo
Lisa Rosenblum
Ken Ryals
Cecile Streltman
Tracey Thompson

*attended remotely

1. Board Meeting agenda
2. May 25, 2022 Board Meeting minutes
3. Payroll expenditures
4. General Fund #0010 expenditures

CALL TO ORDER

President Anne Repass called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ron Higgs moved approval of the Board Meeting agenda. Srinil Raghavan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Laura Valenziano moved approval of the May 25, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Lalita Uppala seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Damon Plackis spoke on behalf of a group of 12 patrons. He stated that KCLS is an important community resource and that it should be responsive to the requests of the community and return to pre-pandemic hours. He stated that at the very least, the open hours should shift to later in the day and stay open until 9pm Monday through Thursday evenings.

Yoshiko Saheki spoke in favor of modifying the Fresh Start for All program which was introduced in April 2022 to provide a one-time waiver of late fees. She stated she would like to see library fines eliminated all together.

Barbara Spindell, President of the Newport Way Library Association, gave a brief overview of their organization's history and support of the Newport Way Library. She stated that many people in their library community are anxious for the library to return to normal service hours and asked that management report on the plan to make that happen.

Helen Stanwell, speaking on behalf of the group Open Libraries Now, expressed concern that our county library system has not returned to full operating hours like other county library systems in the state. She doesn't like the growing expenditures at the top of the system and would like opening the libraries to be the number one priority. She also expressed concern over the number of vandalism incidents lately and would like to know if KCLS could install security cameras around the buildings.

STAFF REPORTS

KCLS Foundation Executive Director Ken Ryals gave an overview of the Foundation and an update on current funding initiatives. The projects typically funded by the Foundation typically fall into one of five categories: literacy and learning; services to homeless; diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI); economic empowerment; access and innovation. Specific programs include well-known things like Summer Reading and mobile outreach; innovative technology such as 24/7 pickup lockers and Makerspaces, and assistance for immigrants and job seekers.

The Foundation has 5.3 employees, 25 Board members; it provided \$1.2M in grants to KCLS in 2021.

Older Adults Program Coordinator Wendy Pender gave a presentation on KCLS' pandemic response for older adults. In support of needs during the pandemic, KCLS has provided help with digital skills and devices, entertainment and social connection for older adults. Specific programs of note are **Digital Navigators** and **Gentle Tech Help** classes; art classes in cooperation with SilverKite Community Arts, and the **Pioneers in Aging** virtual author series.

Controller Donna Zirkle presented the Finance report. Year-to-date (YTD) revenues at the end of May were \$71.3M, slightly higher than projections of \$68.5M. YTD expenses as of the end of May were \$47.9M, slightly lower than the projected amount of \$55.3M. CIP expenses YTD were \$2.5M, accounting for 44.8% of the total budget.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

Laura Valenziano moved approval of Payroll expenditures for May in the amount of \$2,671,795.44: (5/13) Ck#00201031-00201048; 490402314-490403387; (5/27) Ck#00201049-00201061; 494493562-494494623. Ron Higgs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Srini Raghavan moved approval of General Fund #0010 expenditures for May in the amount of \$5,838,513.96: Travel Advances - Ck#1432-1434; (5/09) Ck#1139518-1139521; (5/10) Ck#1139522-1139601; (5/16) Ck#5012996-5012999; (5/16) Ck#1139602-1139604; (5/17) Ck#5013000; (5/17) Ck#1139605-1139672; (5/18) Ck#1139673-1139769; (5/25) Ck#5013001-5013003; (5/25) Ck#5013004-5013019; (5/27) Ck#1139770-1139862; (5/27) Ck#5013020-5013023; (5/27) Ck#1139863-1139868; (5/27) Ck#1139869-1139870; (6/01) Ck#1139871-1139938; (6/02) Ck#1139939-1139977; (6/03) Ck#5013024; Voids - Ck#1139784. Lalita Uppala seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Lisa Rosenblum stated that she and Board members Ron Higgs, Srini Raghavan and Harish Kulkarni recently visited the Preston sorting facility. Everyone present was impressed by the job that is done by the staff at Preston.

Lisa mentioned KCLS receiving two prestigious Public Relations awards at the American Library Association (ALA) conference this year. KCLS also was mentioned in a Library Journal publication article on the work we are doing in DEI.

Lisa announced that Angie Benedetti, who has been serving as the Interim Director of Library Outreach, Programs and Services has been permanently hired into that position as of June 2022.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS


There were no Board committee reports.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Srini Raghavan expressed appreciation for the Preston tour and stated he was impressed by the scale of the operation and all the moving parts. Anne Repass said she recently attended a Friends of the Library book sale at the Newcastle library; she noted how happy patrons were to be attending an in-person event again.

ADJOURNMENT

Anne Repass adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.



Anne Repass, President


Harish Kulkarni, Secretary