



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

10:00 A.M.

SOUTH VALLEYS LIBRARY 15650A Wedge Pkwy, Reno, NV 89511

Library Trustees  
Chair-Gianna Jacks,  
Chair Lea Moser,  
Vice-Chair Al Rogers,  
Ann Silver,  
Tami Ruf,

- 0) Salute to the Flag
- 1) Roll Call [Non-Action Item]  
Trustee Silver present, Trustee Rogers present, Trustee Ruf present, Trustee Moser present, Chair Jacks present.
- 2) Public Comment –Three-minute Time Limit Per Person [ Non Action Item]
  1. Andrew Maurins: Spoke on his opposition to put programming for the library on someone else and not the Librarians who workday to day to make the programs work. Not a good move for the library or the community.
  2. Gail Townsend: Spoke about how there needs to be more control in the meetings.
  3. Nasim : spoke about the changes being proposed to the bylaws.
  4. Stacy Spain: Would like to keep the programming in the libraries and have the librarians continue to process the programming.
  5. Bruce Parks: Spoke on his request and denial to make a presentation on the constitution.
  6. Drew Ribar: Spoke on repression of the press and constitutional rights in libraries. He is running for office to hopefully make a change.
  7. Jessica Munger: Wanted to know why some LGBTQ people did not want to come to the

table and talk over the conversations going on in the libraries.

8. Valerie Fiannaca: Wanted to know how many activities the library had set up for Memorial Day or for the Fourth of July. Has made several requests for these to appear as a program.
9. Alana Fitzgerald: Spoke on her disappointment about the meeting being held during business hours making it difficult for the public that work to attend the meeting. Spoke against her belief of censorship and inappropriate materials not being moved.
10. Kate Withfield: Thanked Director Scott and library staff for their outstanding job with the library's mission which is to connect people with information ideas to support and enrich and engage the community.
11. Candace Powel: Spoke on support for the library and that it is difficult to make meetings that are held during the day.
12. Kate Salim: Spoke on the item that recommends the meeting location be changed. She feels this would be a great disservice to the public and the libraries. Spoke about the March meetings being cancelled and reasons why they were cancelled. Would like to continue to see the meeting held from 3pm on so the working public that work can have an opportunity to attend the meetings.

3) Board Comment [Non-Action Item]

Trustee Moser would like to do some investigation into board committees. Perhaps further information on self-evaluation for the Director. Needs a clear delineation on what issues and topics we need to work on in communities that we are not getting through during our meetings.

Trustee Rogers also spoke about his dislike of the meeting taking place at 10am as opposed to the evening as usual.

Trustee Silver Requested that the attorney's office train the board on open meeting laws. Feels the board would benefit from the training. Second would like clarification from the attorney on whether we the Trustees has authority over programming because as she reads the responsibilities of the board it is not for the Trustees to decide.

Trustee Silver also spoke on how the meeting should be kept from 3pm and on.

4) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a) Approval of Minutes from the Library Board Meeting of April 17, 2024 [For Possible Action]

Trustee Rogers made a motion to approve the library board meeting minutes of April 17, 2024, as presented. Trustee Silver seconded the motion.

Bruce Parks: Back in November he requested an appeal to the decision of the board for the minutes and would like to see his appeal on the next agenda for the next meeting.

Gail Townsend: Her name is constantly misspelled in the meeting minutes. In January her name appeared on a comment made by another person and not her. Not sure what the policy is to ask for corrections or whether they can be made.

All trustees voted and the minutes passed as presented.

5) Old Business [Non-Action Item]

None

6) New Business

- a) Discussion of the current process utilized for approval of a library program or event [Non-Action Item]

Director Scott presented a power point presentation to the board regarding the process for library programming. Beginning shows how the programs are put together. There is a committee that will decide which programs and events are appropriate which is consistent with the library strategic plan. This is a several month process which includes public surveys, public forums and other feedback from staff.

Trustee Moser asked Director Scott how one become a partner or affiliate for the library. How can affiliates get in touch with the board so we can support that in the future.

Director Scott responded that the service and library events team will do the outreach to different events and different programs we have been partnering for years. Most are educational institutions or programs that assist children and seniors which go hand in hand with the coordination.

- b) Discussion of establishing a schedule to have library policies brought to the LBOT for review. [Non-Action Item]

June is the review process for the schedule. June is also when the bylaws are reviewed. There will be a policy put in place and brought back to the board for review. Staff create the library policies. The board would review and oversee the policy.

- c) Presentation and Discussion on the Library Budget by Library Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]

Director Scott presented a budget packet PowerPoint to the Board. The power point is an overall of where the money comes from and how it is spent.

- d) Review and Possible Revision of Library Board of Trustee Bylaws [For Possible Action]

Chair Jack gave an update on the updated bylaws. Feels it is important to have revisions and updates since they are quite antiquated. Would like to see new training manuals, new daytime meetings, and other locations to hold meetings.

Trustee Rogers feels there should be a more robust discussion on making changes to the bylaws. Are they only looking at what needs to be addressed today or the whole thing. Currently, they are only provisions to the bylaws. Trustee Rogers made a motion to accept the bylaw where the Trustees will hold a meeting monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. Remove all strike outs from page 3.

Trustee Moser seconded the motion by making the proper corrections to the verbiage as

discussed by the board on pages 1 to 5.

Motion passes

- e) Review of Library Director Evaluation Process [Non-Action Item]

The board decided to move the agenda item to a future meeting.

7) Reports

- e) South Valleys Library Presentation by Library Branch Manger Julie Ullman [Non-Action Item]

Branch Manager Julie Ullman presented a power point to the board on what programming and events have been held at the South Valleys Library.

- 9) Adjournment @ 2:36 PM