

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Board meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Board members, other library officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a “first-come” basis. Additionally, to ensure the meeting otherwise remains open to the public, we will continue to broadcast it live on the County’s YouTube channel, which can be found via the County’s website at Oconeesc.com. Individuals parked in close proximity to Council Chambers may listen to the meeting on FM 92.3.



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 415 S Pine Street, Walhalla, SC (LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE)

Members present: Addison, Brackett, Henderson, Kuemmerer, Miranda

Members absent: Holcombe, Powell, Smathers, Smith

Staff: Blair Hinson, Staff Liaison

Press: Lauren Pierce, *Seneca Journal*

I. Call to Order: meeting called to order by Mr. Hinson (pending election of chair) at 5:35 p.m.

Installation of new members, nominations for Chair of the Board, and vote for Chair: Mr. Hinson welcomed new members. Ms. Henderson nominated Ms. Addison as Board chair. Nominations were closed, and vote was held. Vote was unanimous. Ms. Addison then took over presiding over meeting.

II. Approval of minutes: meeting of July 28, 2020 (no meeting in September or November, 2020): Motion to approve by L. Kuemmerer, seconded by B. Brackett. Minute approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment: Limited to 4 minutes per person, 30 minutes in total. If you would like to have a comment entered into the record and cannot attend, please email bhinson@oconeesc.com or call 864-364-5705: None provided.

IV. Friends' Report: none provided. Mr. Hinson briefly related the Friends activities related to book sales and that the Friends had secured the services of a third-party book dealer to assist them.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Finance: none
- B. Policy/Personnel: none
- C. Building and Grounds: none
- D. Community Relations: none
- E. Capital Projects: none

There was discussion about suspending Committees for the time being. This to be taken up under of by-law revisions at next regular meeting.

VI. Chairman's Report: Chair thanked library staff for staying safe and operating so well under the pressures and issues that have resulted from the pandemic.

VII. Director's Report: The director thanked library staff for holding up so well during the stresses of daily operations during the pandemic. Director briefly discussed State Aid and the library budget. Ms. Kuemmerer asked about how funds were spent. Discussion ensued. Ms. Henderson asked if the library would have sufficient resources for PPE. Discussion ensued.

VIII. Old Business

A. Changes to library card policy for those under 18 years of age: no action taken. Board previously passed policy concerning this; Director briefly updated members about the rollout of this program to start in February, 2021.

B. Staff parking lot at Walhalla Library: Director had spoken with head of County Roads & Bridges recently, and the project, while not scheduled yet, is still under consideration by engineering firm hired by the County.

IX. New Business

A. Update Board by-laws with respect to officers and meeting designations: Director reminded Board members of their need to reply to emails and attend meetings. A motion was made by S. Henderson, and seconded by L. Kuemmerer, to combine the office of secretary with "treasurer" to align the Board with State Library standards. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Elections of remaining officers—vice-chair, secretary/treasurer. Reminders about Board duties, terms: Ms. Kuemmerer nominated herself for vice-chair. Nominations were closed. Vote was unanimous for Ms. Kuemmerer as vice-chair. Ms. Addison nominated Mr. Powell for secretary/treasurer. Nominations were closed. Mr. Powell elected unanimously. Director briefly discussed length of Board terms and reappointments.

C. Approve Board meeting calendar and official library holidays: Calendar of meetings for every fourth Tuesday in 2021 was approved. Motion made by B. Brackett, seconded by S. Henderson. Calendar approved unanimously.

D. Update about COVID-19: Director briefly updated Board about COVID-19 issues in library and in county.

Executive Session

[upon reconvening the Board may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] Discussion regarding the attendance record of a Board member, and other matters relating thereto

Motion made to enter Executive Session by S. Henderson, seconded by B. Brackett. Motion was unanimous. Executive Session occurred 6:40-6:55p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session

Motion made to emerge from Executive Session by L. Kuemmerer, seconded by S. Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to authorize the Board chair to ask County Council to remove an appointed member and replace them because of lack of attendance in accordance with Board by-laws and County policy concerning Boards and Commissions. Motion made by N. Miranda, seconded by B. Brackett. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by S. Henderson, seconded by B. Brackett. Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.