



Minutes

Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 415 S Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Members present: M. Alles White, P. Holcombe, L. Kuemmerer, N. Miranda, T. Weekes

Members absent: A. Addison, S. Henderson, N. McKinney, C. Powell

Staff: Blair Hinson, Director

Press: none

- I. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of change to agenda: motion L. Kuemmerer, second M. Alles White; motion approved.
- III. Approval of minutes: meeting of January 24, 2023-motion N. Miranda, second P. Holcombe; motion approved.
- IV. 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.
- V. Friends' Report: Director reported the sales figures (in Director's written report in background). Also noted that the Friends had approved funding of \$3,000 for Summer Reading.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance: M. Alles White, no report.
 - B. Policy/Personnel: S. Henderson, no report.
 - C. Building and Grounds: C. Powell, no report.
 - D. Community Relations: L. Kuemmerer, mentioned her continuing work with the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce and also that the owner of Piece of Pie in Fair Play would like the opportunity to provide prizes (free pizza) for reading challenges.
- VII. Chairman's Report: none.
- VIII. Director's Report: Director reported about beautification efforts at the Walhalla Library during In-Service in April, about the library app, and about using Beanstack app for Summer Reading. Also discussed briefly the county budget for FY24.

IX. Old Business

A. Discuss strategic plan: discussion about timeline, that there will be a community focus group or listening session, and that the Board will have input before the May, 2023, meeting, where a final draft may be approved.

B. Discuss building projects: Director received a quote from Kevin Shoemake of Thomas and Hutton for the ADA-compliant ramp at the entrance of the Seneca Library for \$55,974, and that was passed on to County administration for possible inclusion in the FY24 budget cycle.

X. New Business

A. Presentation by Lekesha Benson about NOLA Network: presentation by Jocelyn Bibey in place of Ms. Benson, who had to be present at the Seneca City Council meeting. (Moved to above public comment time slot to accommodate speaker's time.)

B. Update on SC legislative session: Director briefly updated the Board on legislative matters concerning book censorship and also concerning the state budget for FY24.

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:

Discussion of a personnel matter

Vote to enter Executive Session: motion by N. Miranda, second by T. Weekes. Went into executive session at 18:37.

Vote to exit executive session: Motion by L. Kuemmerer, second by P. Holcombe.

No action taken.

XI. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by L. Kuemmerer, second by N. Miranda. Adjourned at 18:50.