

**Rapides Parish Library
Board of Control
August 8, 2023**

Minutes

A special meeting of the Rapides Parish Library (RPL) Board of Control was called to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Westside Regional Library, 5416 Provine Place, Alexandria by President Le'Anza Jordan.

Board members present were Ms. Jordan, Ms. June Arrington, Mr. Michael Fairbanks, Ms. Lana Havens, Ms. Irene Hobbs, Mr. James Morgan, and Mr. Ralph Roach. Ms. Dana Cox and Mr. Morris Taft Thomas were absent.

Also present were Library Director Celise Reech-Harper, Assistant District Attorney Greg Jones, seven members of staff, and three members of the public.

Ms. Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Agenda

Mr. Fairbanks motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Hobbs. On unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Old Business

Mr. Jones reviewed the proposal for an amendment to the Board of Control Manual that was introduced at the regular meeting of the board on July 18. The proposed change would add, under section 6.1 Standing Committees of the manual, the addition of a "Policies & Reconsideration of Materials" committee. After some discussion, Mr. Jones clarified that Section 6.2 Purpose, which defines the purpose of committees of the board, would not be amended by the proposal.

Ms. Havens motioned to amend the Board of Control Manual to include a Policies & Reconsideration of Materials standing committee. Ms. Hobbs seconded, and on unanimous vote, the motion passed.

New Business

Ms. Reech-Harper informed the board that the Alexandria Garden Club has offered to partner with the Library to assist in creation of educational signage and preservation of the historic gardens at the Huie-Dellmon House, which currently houses the library's administration offices and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Ms. Arrington motioned for the Library to partner with the Alexandria Garden Club, seconded by Mr. Fairbanks. On unanimous vote, the motion passed.

The next Library Board of Control meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the Westside Regional Library.

Mr. Roach motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fairbanks. On unanimous vote, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Celise Reech-Harper
Secretary

Le'Anza Jordan
President