

**Rapides Parish Library
Policies & Reconsideration of Materials Committee
of the Board of Control
April 17, 2024**

Minutes

A meeting of the Policies & Reconsideration of Materials Committee of the Rapides Parish Library Board of Control was held at the Huie-Dellmon House, 430 St. James Street, Alexandria, LA.

Committee members present were Ms. Irene Hobbs (Chair), Ms. Dana Cox, and Ms. June Arrington. Also present were Board President Le’Anza Jordan (Ex-Officio), Library Director Celise Reech-Harper, and Administrative Assistant Kendra Bertrand.

Ms. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Agenda

Ms. Cox motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Arrington seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Review of Material for Reconsideration

The film “Miracle” was presented for reconsideration based on a completed Request for Reconsideration Form submitted to the library. The rating of PG-13 was challenged as inappropriate based on the film’s content by the form’s submitter.

Ms. Hobbs requested clarification of the film’s rating. Director Reech-Harper explained that the film, a Romanian-language foreign film, was not rated by the U.S. Motion Picture Association. The Library’s current procedure for unrated films is to assign a rating during the cataloging process based on research done by collection development specialists.

After further discussion of the film’s content and reviews, Ms. Cox motioned to recommend to the Board that the rating of “Miracle” be changed from PG-13 to R, and that the Director review and update the procedure for cataloging un-rated foreign films going forward. Ms. Arrington seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Celise Reech-Harper
Secretary

Irene Hobbs
Committee Chair