

**Rapides Parish Library**  
**Policies & Reconsideration of Materials Committee of the Board of Control**  
**July 8, 2025**

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. Le’Anza Jordan. Also present were Board President Suelynne Mickey (Ex-Officio), Library Director Celise Reech-Harper, Assistant Director of Support Services Wes Saunders, and Administrative Assistant Kendra Bertrand.

Ms. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

**Agenda**

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

**Review of Material for Reconsideration**

The adult romance-fantasy novel *Lights Out* by Navessa Allen was presented for reconsideration based on a completed Request for Reconsideration Form submitted to the library. The form’s submitter requested that the material be labeled as restricted due to sexually explicit content throughout.

The committee noted that the book’s introduction included a content warning for potential triggers including sexually explicit content. While the book is currently housed in the Adult Fiction section, the committee agreed that its content does meet the criteria for sexually explicit material according to standards set by LA R.S. 25:225, and should therefore be marked “Restricted” in the library’s catalog.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that this novel is part of an ongoing series, with future volumes announced for publication. In light of this information, Ms. Cox moved for the committee to recommend that the entire series be labeled as restricted content. Ms. Jordan seconded, and the motion passed.

The committee will present its recommendation to the full Board of Control at the next meeting on July 15.

With no further business before the committee, Ms. Cox motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Jordan. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Celise Reech-Harper  
Secretary

Irene Hobbs  
Committee Chair