

**Rapides Parish Library
Policies & Reconsideration of Materials Committee
of the Board of Control
September 4, 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) and Ms. June Arrington. Also present were Board President Le'Anza Jordan (Ex-Officio), Library Director Celise Reech-Harper, Assistant Director Support Services Wes Saunders, and Administrative Assistant Kendra Bertrand.

Ms. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Agenda

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

Review of Material for Reconsideration

The fantasy novel *A Court of Silver Flames* by Sarah J. Maas was presented for reconsideration based on a completed Request for Reconsideration Form submitted to the library. The request expressed concern about the book's Teen Fiction classification in the library, as well as its inclusion in the Accelerated Reading program.

Ms. Reech-Harper explained that, while Accelerated Reading books are classified by an outside agency and those decisions are not made by the library, the book's classification could be changed in the Rapides Parish Library's own cataloging system per library policy. Since the book in question is part of a popular series, she recommended that the committee consider the entire series when forming their recommendation for placement and that the series be placed together.

After reviewing the reconsideration request and pertinent information, Ms. Arrington motioned to recommend reclassifying and moving the series to the Adult Fiction section of the library, and designating *A Court of Silver Flames*, the fifth book in the series, which was the subject of the request for reconsideration, with the "Sexually Explicit" label. This will prevent it being checked out by patrons with restricted minor library cards. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hobbs. The motion passed.

The committee will present its recommendation to the Board of Control at the regular meeting on September 17.

With no further business before the committee, Ms. Hobbs motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Arrington. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Celise Reech-Harper
Secretary

Irene Hobbs
Committee Chair