

Rockbridge Regional Library System  
Called Board of Trustees Meeting – May 20, 2020

Virtual Meeting Statement:

Good morning, everyone. I am Julie Goyette, Director of Rockbridge Regional Library System.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rockbridge Regional Library Board of Trustees is taking actions to minimize attendance at public meetings. In accordance with the Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-1413 allowing any meeting which requires the presence of members of a Public Entity such as the Board of Trustees may be held through real time electronic means without a quorum physically present in one location.

A notice of this meeting was posted to the calendar on the library website and on social media. This meeting is accessible by phone and video using GoToMeeting.

We ask that speakers identify themselves when speaking.

All members of the Board of Trustees who arrive or leave the meeting must verbally note their attendance.

Are there any questions from the Board of Trustees about the process for holding this meeting?

There were no questions asked by the Board.

Attending the meeting:

Chair Bruce McWilliams

Treasurer Carl Behrens

Deputy Treasurer Tom Lominac

Secretary Beverly Slaydon

Parliamentarian Joe Cailles

Board member Thomas Bell

Board member Alexandra Brown

Board member Tom Goodale

Board member Gail Heslep

Board member Doug Horan

Board member Brandea Reed

Board member McKinley Williams

Not attending:

Vice Chair Jessica Rasmussen

A quorum of the board does exist.

Mr. Chair please proceed.

Mr. McWilliams turned the meeting back over to Mrs. Goyette. Mrs. Goyette announced that Ms. Rasmussen was not in attendance today because she has resigned from the Board. Her family is relocating to another state. The board will greatly miss her and her tireless work she did while serving

on the board. A letter will be sent to the Buena Vista City Council about her resignation with a request to appoint Jessi Whipple to her unexpired term.

Due to the pandemic and the loss of time to conduct meetings to work on a new slate of officers, Mr. McWilliams asked the officers to consider staying in their position for another year. Of course, we will have to appoint a new Vice Chair.

Mrs. Goyette will be sending the budget out in the next few days. The board will vote on it at our next meeting.

Mr. McWilliams did a round robin and asked each member about any concerns or comments they wanted to make.

- Every Board member thanked Mrs. Goyette for the way she has continued to work to deliver library services to patrons and the hard decisions she has had to make over the last several months during this pandemic.
- Concern over the financial situation in Buena Vista. How will it affect the library system? How do we move forward in Buena Vista?
- Will we be faced with another round of cuts? The worst may not be over as the state and localities may be forced to review revenues each quarter.
- Making sure, that we move forward efficiently with open and honest information to the public.

Mr. McWilliams wanted the board to take this time to reflect and think of new ways to reinvent ourselves. He is excited about the library's future. He thanked the board for their dedication and hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon  
Recording Secretary