

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Special Called Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Present: Mr. Brian Aufmuth, Ms. Laura Baker, Dr. Grady Butler, Mr. Tommy Hughes, Mr. Dick Jensen, Mrs. Glenda Julian, Mrs. Deryl Paradis and Mr. Chace Campbell, presiding.

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Baxter, Mr. Allan Hill, Mr. Joe Poore

Library Staff Present: Beverly James, Executive Director; Greg Hester, Operations Manager; and Jill Cornwell, Administrative Projects Manager, acting as Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:03PM in the Board Room of the Hughes Main Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Trespass Warning Notice Appeal Hearing

Mr. Campbell provided a brief overview of the circumstances leading to the issuance of a Trespass Warning Notice on 9/9/19. A chronology of events was distributed to trustees present in addition to a copy of the written request for an appeal hearing by the subject of the notice, Christian Martin (appellant). Trustees also were provided a blank *Trespass Warning Notice Not To Enter Public Library* form for reference.

Mr. Campbell called on Mr. Hester to provide details of the incident leading to the issuance of the Trespass Warning Notice. Mr. Hester stated that the appellant had received notice of the hearing and was on the ground, but not in the building at the time. He presented more information about the situation stating that Greenville City police had responded to the non-violent offense involving the appellant, taking into custody the two other individuals involved. Mr. Hester added that the appellant was cooperative with Library staff and the responding officers during the encounter. He noted that the appellant was a Library patron with no prior incidents and no issues with his Library account since acquiring a Library card approximately one year ago. Mr. Hester added that he had not witnessed any concerning behavior by the appellant prior to or since the issuance of the Trespass Warning Notice.

Following discussion, Ms. Paradis moved to approve the Trespass Warning Notice Appeal request. Mr. Hughes seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Martin arrived and was invited into the meeting. Mr. Campbell informed him that his appeal had been granted and requested an address for where the decision letter was to be sent, which the appellant provided.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Ms. Julian moved to adjourn. Dr. Butler seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:32PM.

Chace Campbell
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly James
Executive Director

Jill Cornwell
Recording Secretary