

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of the Special Called Meeting

9:30 AM

February 11, 2019

Present: Mr. Brian Aufmuth, Ms. Laura Baker, Mr. Allan Hill, Mr. Tommy Hughes, Mr. Dick Jensen, Mrs. Glenda Julian, Mrs. Deryl Paradis (by phone), Mr. Chace Campbell (by phone), and Mr. Joe Poore presiding.

Absent: Dr. Grady Butler, Mr. Kenneth Baxter

Library Staff Present: Don Allen, Accounting Manager; Greg Hester, Operations Manager; Jimmy Wooten, Community Engagement Manager; Daneen Schatzle, Communications Coordinator; Jonathan Newton, Branch Manager; Karen Allen, Youth Services Manager; Beverly James, Executive Director; and Jill Cornwell, Administrative Projects Manager, acting as Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Poore called the meeting to order at 9:34a in the Board Room of the Hughes Main Library.

LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS

Ms. James requested that due to anticipated crowds at the Five Forks Branch on Sunday, 2/17/19, she would like to request that Pelham Road Branch and Simpsonville Branch be open on that Sunday from 2:00p-6:00p to provide service options for patrons. When asked about funds to cover the expense, she added that salary lapse would cover the added operational costs and avoid a negative impact on the Library's current budget. During discussion, Mr. Poore made note of several questions for consideration by the Board in the future time concerning, among other items, a policy allowing the Executive Director to adjust open branches in extraordinary circumstances which would not require action from the Library Board. Mr. Hughes moved to open Pelham Road and Simpsonville branches on Sunday 2/17/19 from 2:00-6:00p. Mr. Aufmuth seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MEETING SPACES USE POLICY AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Poore stated that the revision under consideration did not change the policy, and stated that he wanted to be sure trustees understood that the language was being added to clarify an existing policy statement.

Existing policy language:

"Because the Library is a public facility, privacy cannot be guaranteed except for lawful executive sessions of governmental bodies. The Library reserves the right to have a representative attend any meeting held in its facilities to ensure that violations of Library policy and the Library's *Code of Conduct* are not occurring."

Proposed revision:

"Because the Library is a public facility, privacy cannot be guaranteed except for lawful executive sessions of governmental bodies. *Meeting spaces are considered public areas within the Library, and as such, applicants cannot restrict or limit general public access to reserved spaces. Further, the Library reserves the right to have a representative attend any meeting held in its facilities to ensure that violations of Library policy and the Library's Code of Conduct are not occurring.*"

In addition to the sentence being added, Mr. Poore noted a proposed grammatical change in the following sentence, to correct a comma placement. The comma originally followed the word "including" and was relocated to follow the word "social" in the sentence below:

"Meeting spaces may not be used for purposes or activities that are primarily social, including but not limited to, parties, receptions, showers, reunions, etc."

Ms. James added that the current policy language was not explicit regarding ticket requirements and showing ID in order to gain access to the reserved space, but the online listing for an upcoming event being held in the meeting room made it appear that public library space was being used for a private event, and that could not be done under the current policy. She added that the Library System notified the applicant on Feb. 7 that the invitation and restriction online made it appear that public library space was being used for a private event. The group's contact for the listing indicated she would remove the listing. Ms. James stated that another communication would be sent to the applicant concerning their continued online posting in question.

Ms. Baker moved to accept the clarification revision to the *Meeting Spaces Use Policy* as presented. Mrs. Julian seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC PHOTOGRAPHY/RECORDING POLICY

Mr. Poore referred to the policy provided to trustees in advance of the meeting and called on Ms. James for comments. Ms. James walked through the changes being proposed. During discussion, further clarification was needed in portions of the policy so revisions to the draft language were developed in the meeting. Mr. Aufmuth then moved to accept changes as proposed with the additional revisions made during the meeting. Ms. Paradis seconded. Mr. Poore called for a vote. The majority were in favor and the motion carried, with Mr. Jensen abstaining.

Mr. Poore called for other questions or comments. Mr. Hughes asked permission to share a general comment concerning the meeting room reservation on Sunday 2/17/19 that had generated so much discussion. He stated that he had spent his entire career working with children in many capacities and was very troubled by the stated purpose for the meeting room reservation because the reservation had children as its targeted audience. Ms. Baker added that she felt the Board had done the best it could to focus on time, place and manner and remain content neutral.

Mr. Poore thanked trustees and staff for their hard work and offered his continued support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Poore called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hughes so moved. Mr. Aufmuth seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.

Chace Campbell
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly James
Executive Director

Jill Cornwell
Recording Secretary