

**GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Called Meeting Minutes**

July 27, 2022

Present: Mr. Kenneth Baxter, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, Mr. James Hoard, Mr. Tommy Hughes, Mr. Bill Pinkston, and Mr. S. Allan Hill, presiding.

Absent: Mr. Brian Aufmuth, Dr. Sid Cates, Mrs. Kristen Odom, Mr. Joe Poore

Staff Present: Don Allen, Accounting Manager; Karen Allen, Youth Services Manager; Ann Bishop, Human Resources Manager; Greg Hester, Operations Manager; Laurel Hicklin, Circulation Manager; Dru Hill, Anderson Road Branch Manager; Brian Morrison, Access and Discovery Director; James Thompson, Security; Melissa Thompson, Security; Beverly James, Executive Director; and Jill Cornwell, Administrative Projects Manager, acting as Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 12:20p. Mr. Hill stated the purpose of the meeting was to provide a Trespass Warning Notice Appeal Hearing for Saria Walker. He informed those present that Ms. Walker had been given notice of the hearing via email. As of 12:22p, the appellant had not appeared which Mr. Hill noted for the record. He stated that should the appellant arrive before the meeting concluded, he would permit her to provide comments. Mr. Hill acknowledged Ms. Hill's presence to provide a personal account of the events leading up to the issuance of the Trespass Warning Notice.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Hill announced that two members of the public had signed up to appear before the Board of Trustees: Miles Dame for the purpose of "Invocation Request" and Stephen Shelato for the purpose of "Gratitude." In response to Mr. Dame's remarks, Mr. Hill noted that various Library Board members give the invocation as opposed to inviting outside guests to do so. He stated that the Library System and the Board place no restrictions on the type of invocation provided. Following their remarks, Mr. Hill thanked them for appearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Trespass Warning Notice Appeal Hearing

Mr. Allen stated that even though the appellant had not appeared for the hearing, the requirement to provide a hearing in response to her appeal had been fulfilled. Mr. Hill called on Ms. Hill to summarize the behaviors and events that resulted in the Trespass Warning Notice being issued. Mr. Hester added that the severity of the threats made by Ms. Walker was the cause of the issuance. He also informed trustees that he had viewed the security video for the entire period of the patron's visit. Mr. Hill asked Ms. Hill to confirm Mr. Hester's recount and she did.

Mrs. Collins inquired about the permanency of a Trespass Warning Notice. Ms. James stated that there had been instances when someone had asked that the duration of their ban be reconsidered. Mr. Hill noted that by law a Trespass Warning Notice Appeal had to be submitted within a defined time period. A request to have someone's right to use the Library System restored can be made at any point in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Hill noted the reason for the cancellations of the last two regular Board of Trustees Meetings was there were no action items. He added that the next regular Board meeting would be in August as scheduled.

With no further business, Mr. Hill asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoard so moved. Mr. Baxter seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45p.

S. Allan Hill
Chair, Board of Trustees

Beverly James
Executive Director

Jill Cornwell
Recording Secretary