

CHARLESTON COUNTY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
July 19, 2016

The Charleston County Library Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 10:00am in the boardroom at the Main Library located at 68 Calhoun Street and via teleconference.

Board members present in person were Ms. Segal and Mr. Fava. Members present via telephone were Mr. Brack, Ms. Strunk, Ms. Hollinshead, Mr. Clem, Ms. Reider, and Mr. Strother. Board members unable to attend were Mr. Norris, Mr. McKellar and Ms. Manigault. Staff members present were Cynthia Bledsoe, Darlene Jackson, Perry Litchfield, Nancy Sullivan, and Heather Kiessling.

Mr. Brack called the meeting to order and confirmed with Ms. Bledsoe that the media had been informed of the meeting and its agenda according to the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Brack stated that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Comment

Mr. Brack stated that the purpose of the meeting was to ratify the agreement to find the new executive director. The board suggested pursuing the first, second, and third alternatives for position in that order. The first candidate, Nicolle Davies, accepted the position pending the ratification of the agreement negotiated by Bradbury and Associates. Mr. Brack explained that Ms. Davies has notified her employer and she will be called immediately after the meeting for approval of wording. Cynthia Bledsoe will notify library staff of the decision after Ms. Davies has been called. Thirty minutes after the staff has been alerted, the media will be notified. Before the media is notified, Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey will be alerted to the decision.

Executive Session: Hiring Executive Director

Mr. Brack stated that there was no need to go into executive session, as there was no discussion that needed to be made.

Executive Director

Mr. Clem made a motion to ratify the agreement. Ms. Reider seconded.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Clem: aye

Mr. Fava: aye  
Ms. Hollinshead: aye  
Ms. Manigault: not present  
Mr. McKeller: not present  
Mr. Norris: aye (via proxy of Mr. Brack)  
Ms. Reider: aye  
Ms. Segal: aye  
Mr. Strother: aye  
Ms. Strunk: aye  
Mr. Brack: aye

The vote was passed unanimously to accept Nicolle Davies as the new executive director.

Mr. Brack thanked everyone for their accommodations and effort in the selection process. He asked for any further statements or discussion from the board. There were none.

Mr. Brack stated that Ms. Davies will start as the executive director within 70 days, as outlined in the agreement, or by October 2016. Ms. Davies has notified her board and is notifying her staff this morning. Her board tried to provide incentives for her to stay but she continued with her decision to become the new executive director of the Charleston Country Public Library. Mr. Brack said that he would phone her with the official news after the board meeting. Ms. Davies will be returning with her husband Josh Davies soon to find a house and select an official date to begin.

At 10:09am Mr. Fava motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Segal seconded the motion and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Maya Hollinshead, Secretary