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STATE LIBRARY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 19, 2025
State Library of Louisiana
701 North Fourth Street
Baton Rouge, La
5th Floor Capitol View Room
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Darryl Gissel, James Lee, Chair, Christy Reeves, Dorothy White, and Meg Placke, Secretary

I. Call to Order

James Lee called the meeting to order at 12:58pm.

II. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of Agenda

James Lee asked for a motion to approve the agenda, which was made by Dorothy White and seconded by Darryl Gissel. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting held June 12, 2025.

James Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Darryl Gissel made the motion, which was seconded by Christy Reeves.

V. State Librarian's Report

Meg Placke provided the board with the State Librarian's Report which included information on the following: Budget, Personnel, Braille Flag Dedication Ceremony, Check Out Louisiana Museums Rollout, 2025 Louisiana Book Festival, Preparation for Back to School mailing, Julie Kane papers for special archive, and building updates.

VI. Appointment of State Board of Library Examiners

Christy Reeves moved to appoint Meg Placke to the State Board of Library Examiners, Darryl Gissel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

VII. Election of Officers for FY2025-2026

James Lee asked for a motion to elect officers. Darryl Gissel moved to nominate Mr. Lee as Chair, and Christy Reeves seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Christy Reeves moved to nominate Dorothy White as Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Darryl Gissel. The motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Fall Administrative Librarians' Conference – EBRPL Main, Friday, October 10
- B. Louisiana Book Festival
 - i. Author's Party – Friday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m.
 - ii. Festival – Saturday, November 1 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- C. Next Meeting – Friday, October 31 at 6:00p.m.

IX. Adjournment

James Lee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darryl Gissel made the motion, which was seconded by Christy Reeves. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

This meeting is held in accordance with Louisiana's Open Meeting Law, La. R.S. 42:11 et seq. In accordance with La. R.S. 42:14, public comments will be allowed. Public comment must be related to an agenda item. Public comments may be submitted in writing.