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STATE LIBRARY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 12, 2025
State Library of Louisiana
701 North Fourth Street
Baton Rouge, La
5th Floor Capitol View Room
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Marian Fertitta, 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 10:07

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 Christy Reeves and seconded by Marian Fertitta. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting held March 13, 2025.

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

V. Reports

A. State Librarian's Report

Meg Placke provided the board with the State Librarian's report which included information on the following: Budget, Personnel, Outreach, Audio Recording of State Library Building Dedication, LA Writer Award Recipient, Centennial Exhibit, Love the Boot clean-up, Library of Congress meeting, "Just Listen to Yourself" poetry program, Tech Fest, LA Great Reads selected for NBF, Staff Appreciation Day, Braille Flag donation, Readers' Choice Awards Winners, and Building Better Storytimes.

B. Departmental Quarterly Reports

Department Heads shared updates from the quarterly report for their departments. Participants were Lesli Wilson, Robert Wilson, Sheila Coleman, Errin Levingston, Michael Golrick, Charlene Bonnette, Giovanni Tairov, Jeirico Howard, and Kevin Calbert.

VI. Announcements

- A. Required training – Meg Placke reminded the board to complete mandatory trainings.
- B. Next meeting – August 19, 2025, at 1pm
- C. Braille Flag Dedication – August 5, 2025 @ 10 am
- D. Literacy and Learning Lab Ribbon Cutting – August 19th @ 3 pm
- E. Call for agenda items for future meetings – SBLE Appointment and officer elections

VII. Adjournment

James Lee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darryl Gissel made the motion, which was seconded by Marian Fertitta. The meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

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.