



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

December 2, 2021

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Interim Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Carmen Alvarez, Abigail St. Clair, Michael Newett, Jim Johnson, Bob Argus, Candi Martin, Shelly McClellan and Lauren Guerin.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Sean McGarvey, Aracelis Chapman, Carissa McQuay, Cheryl Wolfe, Julio Granda, Frank Colliia, Wendy Prasad, Allie Brazis, Kathleen Langevin, Suzanne George and Jessica Jeffers.

Meeting was called to order at 4 pm with a quorum present.

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the October 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's FY2021 final budget report dated September 30, 2021 and FY2022 Budget dated October 1, 2021 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding decreases in the travel and mileage budget due to pandemic restrictions on staff travel for training. Staff also provided clarification regarding indirect costs and virtual attendance/program activity.

A preliminary review was conducted of recommended FY2022 unfunded capital needs priorities. There will opportunity for further discussion at the January Library Board meeting. A final vote is needed by the February 2022 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee presented its recommended slate of candidates for Library Board officer positions. With no further nominations proposed, the Library Board unanimously elected the following as recommended:

Chair: Phyllis Alpert
Vice Chair: Candi Martin
Secretary: Maggie Mardirosian

A revised 2022 Library Board schedule of meetings and locations was unanimously accepted without changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff provided an update on Library afterschool programs. The program has been very successful with positive response from the community.

Staff presented the Library's plans and priorities for marketing HCPLC programs in the coming year 2022.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

As follow up to a Library Board request, it was determined that Library staff put in a total of 37,000 hours of service to assist Hillsborough County emergency operations in Covid mitigation/relief efforts.

The Library has reached 2 million digital checkouts.

Update on Big Read event featuring author Jo Harjo.

The Library has begun offering children's in-person story time programs again. Virtual story time programs remain available on demand.

Staff addressed a question from Mr. Newett regarding CIP cost projections and the rate of construction cost increases.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022, 4pm at North Tampa Branch Library.