

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**October 14, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Orlando Public Library  
 Library Central  
 101 East Central Boulevard  
 Orlando, Florida 32801**

Library Board Present: Crockett Bohannon (10/1); Richard Maladecki (10/1);  
 Lizannette Tam (10/0)

Library Board Absent: Nicole Benjamin (1/1 – City); Danielle Levien (1/1 - City)

Administration Present: Mary Anne Hodel; Steve Powell; Kris Shoemaker; Ricardo Viera;  
 Bethany Stone; Danielle King; Lynette Schimpf;  
 Milinda Neusaenger

- 21-128 I. **Call to Order**  
 President Bohannon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 21-129 II. **Public Comment Policy & Procedures**
- 21-130 III. **Approval of Minutes: Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
 September 9, 2021**  
 Trustee Maladecki, seconded by Trustee Tam, moved to approve the minutes for the  
 September 9, 2021 Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- 21-131 IV. **Staff Presentation: Fiber Arts ~ Valerie Dawson, Vanya Walker &  
 Michael Sweeney**
- 21-132 V. **Financial Statements and Summaries: September 2021**  
 CFO Shoemaker briefed the Board regarding the September 2021 financial summaries. He  
 further reported that the RFQ's for architects and construction manager at risk for the  
 Horizon West project have been advertised and are due back October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
 respectfully and will be evaluated with the hopes of bringing recommendations to a meeting  
 in the near future. The City of Orlando has handed over the Lake Nona lease to Orange  
 County and they are in the process of editing it.
- 21-133 VI. **Dashboard: September 2021**  
 COO Powell stated that he will bring annual statistical comparisons to the November Board  
 Meeting. He also reported that the Melrose Film Fest was a great success.
- 21-134 VII. **Action Items:**
- 21-135 **Election of Board Officers and Committee Appointments**  
 President Bohannon tabled this agenda item until the November 2021 meeting.
- 21-136 **North Orange Roof Contractor Selection: Kris Shoemaker**  
 Trustee Tam, seconded by Trustee Maladecki, moved to approve the North Orange Roof  
 project budget of \$325,000, to approve waiving of the Payment and Performance Bonds (as  
 allowed in F.S. 255.05) and to approve staff to execute the Notice to Proceed with Sutter  
 Roofing Company for the project. Motion carried 3-0.

21-137

**Director Search: Yvonne Hartley**

Trustee Maladecki, seconded by Trustee Tam moved to authorize the Director Search Committee to send the final list of candidates to the Board for interviews.  
Motion carried 3-0.

21-138 VIII.

**Discussion and Possible Action Items**

21-139

**Trespass Review**

At last month's Board Meeting a representative for Isa Vogel addressed the Board requesting that Mrs. Vogel's trespass be rescinded. The representative stated that Mrs. Vogel is in her eighties, is remorseful for her mistake and she is now a widow as her husband passed away. Trustee Maladecki asked to hear from staff regarding a release from the trespass. Director Hodel indicated that staff stand by the policy, but that it is up to the Board to make the decision. Trustee Maladecki stated that he is in favor of rescinding the trespass. Brief discussion ensued and President Bohannon stated that the extenuating factors do play a role in the issue, but also that he does not like going against the staff's decision. He further stated that this could make it hard in the future as others may expect an exception. Trustee Maladecki, seconded by Trustee Tam, moved to rescind the trespass for Isa Vogel. Motion carried 2-1 with President Bohannon voting nay.

21-141 IX.

**Information**

21-142

**Strategic Plan FY 2021 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Update**

Director Hodel reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Strategic Plan Update and reported to the Board that overall, the plan was completed with the exception of topics out of staff's control due to the pandemic. Marketing has been strong with a partnership with ExtraVision for promoting to the Hispanic population. Library card sign-ups have been strong. Several grants have been received.

21-143

**Director's Report**

Natalie Houston, Youth Services Manager, was accepted to Leadership Orange. This eight-session program provides attendees with in-depth knowledge of all aspects of the Orange County Public School System.

Virtual Field Trips for High Schools are now available. High School students will be able to participate in a virtual escape room called "Escape the Database Dimension with OCLS," where they will learn research and information literacy skills.

The West Oaks Branch hosted the grand opening of their Wildflower Garden on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Branch was awarded the Viva Florida Landscape Demonstration Garden grant provided by the Florida Wildflower Foundation to fund this project. The Garden features Florida native plants and flowers, including Sunshine Mimosa, Black-Eyed Susan, Butterfly Milkweed, Partridge Pea, Wild Pennyroyal, and many more! This demonstration garden will showcase the natural beauty of Florida and the importance of supporting pollinators. 90 customers visited the garden on its grand opening day, participated in a garden themed Story Walk, and received take home gardening activity kits. The Branch has plans to offer many programs in the future with the goal of educating the public about the role of native wildflowers and plants.

The Library has asked that the City of Orlando proclaim November 8-14<sup>th</sup> as Captain Albertson Week, in memory of Captain Albertson's gift to the Library of his 12,000 book collection in November of 1921. This retired New York City police inspector gave his collection to the city, provided that the city would build a fireproof library for the residents. His collection one hundred years ago became the nucleus of what is now the Orange County Library System. This proclamation and recognition is the very beginning of the Library's upcoming centennial celebration in 2023 serving the residents of this area.

The new social worker, Kiamiah Starke, started at OCLS today, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to bringing social worker services back to the library.

Youth Services staff have scheduled 24 virtual field trips for this fall for kindergarten and first-grade classes, with an expected attendance of 2,543 students. It exceeds Fall 2020, numbers of 11 virtual field trips and 534 students, more than doubling the number of virtual field trips requested and reaching nearly five times as many students. The staff has effectively increased capacity enabling the library to connect with more students across the county.

21-144                    **Closed Day Schedule FY 2022**

21-145                    **Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items**

Lucy Redzeposki – spoke in favor of a library in the Lake Nona area.

X.                    **Adjournment**

Trustee Tam, seconded by Trustee Maladecki, moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. President Bohannon adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

**November 11, 2021 ~ Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801 ---**

**WEDNESDAY ~ December 8, 2021 ~ Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801.**

**Florida Statutes section 286.0105: If any person desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at a Library Board of Trustees meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings; for this purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.**

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