

PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 20, 2024 5 pm
EAST LIBRARY



VIRTUAL MEETING (ZOOM)

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Dora Gonzales, Vice President Scott Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer Erin Bents, Angela Dougan, Debbie English, Aaron Salt, Julie Smyth

Chief Librarian and CEO Teona Shainidze-Krebs, Chief Financial Officer Randy Green, Chief Public Services Officer and Deputy Chief Librarian Tammy Sayles, Chief Operating Officer Heather Laslie, Chief Information Technology Officer Justin Goodwin, Chief Facilities and Security Officer Michael Brantner, Chief Communications Officer Denise Abbott, Chief Human Resources and Organizational Development Officer, Executive Assistant Laura Foster, Internal Communications and Special Projects Manager Jeremiah Walter, Senior Director of Development and Foundation Executive Director Courtney Deuser, Controller Kim Hoggatt, Director of Branches Janina Goodwin, Assistant Director of Branches Gigi Holman, Director of Collection Management Jenny Pierce, Director of Adult Education Sandy Hancock, Security Manager Tess Warren, Director of Patron Engagement Abby Simpson, Director of IT Infrastructure Dan Stone, Director of Strategy and Innovation Becca Cruz,

Jariah Walker, Jan Hall, Sandi Watkins, MG Moore, Lorna Byrd, Ellen Hasling, Aidin Zemo, M. King, Tamara Forrest, Tina Svordryn, Amanda Rogers, Joy Rogers, Sam Binford, Joel Binford, Noah Binford, Kathy Brandt, Gary Asakawa, Carol Stringer, Urszula Krause, Lisa Perzentka, Loren Anderson, Mary Beth Clark, Christine Lasswell, Jane Vagge, Virginia Franklyn, Dave Franklyn, Lisa Frye, Anne Standish, Stephanie Miller, Peggy Hardin, Axel Aguado, Clarence Aguado, Gail Johnson, Craig Johnson, Linda Sabin, Warren Jagger, Gary Dean, Susan Dean, Shawn Brennan, Debra Strike, Kate Bealz, Ricardo, Laura Correva, Judy Allegan, Maureen Bridges, Janet Wagner, Scott Lammers, Judy Bowen, Kenneth Bowen, Gina Puizo, Jax Anderson, Brooke Graves, Oxavia Boranovsky, Aly Bojauousky, Arianna Bojauousky, Ryan Rushing, Stephanie Moss, Justin Moss, Belgica Dagnon, Alycia Elkins-Smith, Sebastian Smith, Theodore Smith, Bartholomew Smith, Cindy Sprinqz, Carmen Wood, Kelly Meyek, Molly Meyek, Anne Foley, Cassandra Plouvier, Heather Nelson, Todd Nelson, Ruth Kelly, Rebecca Eldridge, City Councilman David Leinweber, Laura Abernathy, Kate Abernathy, Mady Abernathy, Savannah Mather, Delaney Brandt, Candence Mather, Amy Zupan, Hannah Kelly, Kimberly Garcia, Karen Spencer, Suzanne Chansky, Rofeg Ellway, Kim Reading, Sarah Sparks, Britni Wydro, Abby Miska, Julie Miska, Stephanie Sabo, Karen Reeder, Adelaide Hussey, Jana Murdock, Judy Morrill, Justin Morrill, Mark Caton, Mary Malizia Evans, Jason Thompson, Susi Braun, Marina Kovshar, Linda Tudor, Laura Larson, Luke Larson, Cody Larson, Judy Villella, Kari Anderson, Ed Maksimowicz, Rod Schlater, Stephanie Schwenke, Mark Valentine, Lucas Valentine, Elijah Valentine, Jim Beourving, Diane Beourving, Todd Nelson, Rachel Bartlett, Henry Bartlett, Loretta Williams, Barbara Wood, Melissa Smith, Isaac Smith, Azrus Smith, Ken Pfeil, Mike Williams, Barbara Baunbridge, Jim Baunbridge, Tammie Sandin, Kelly Rose, Lisa Lauer, Denise Dawson, James Gray, Natasha Ray, Debhany Love, Eliva Harrelson, Joseph Conrad, Nicole Burns and children, Carl Radunsky, Linda Radunsky, Katie Thomas and children, Dan Thomas, Monica Copelin, Gentry Copeland, Zach Sparks, Sarah Sparks, Britni Wydro and children, Emily McCloskey, Elena Dagnon, Mo Rul, Wesion Maes, Tim Esposito, Lin Esposito, Tabitha Esposito, Jacquie Barber, Pam Simon, Meg Bunka, Brady Bunka, AJ Bunka, Mahlia Bunka, Ann Henderson, Zoe Henderson, Noelle Faris, Rose Faris, George Faris, Michelle Picklesimer, Sara Mather, Riley Mather, Sarah Regan, Hans Cox, Alexandra Cox, Ryan Kelty, Meghan McEvoy, Declan McEvoy, Addy McEvoy, Natasha Ray, Amanda Vandenberg, Chris Sigmund, Laura Huntington, Kristen Franckum, Amy Marcy, James Densmore, Cici McGinnis, Rich Scutellaro, Barbara Lobdell, Emily Tamayo, Sarah Hogan, Sara Burns, Sean Leveille, Rachel Bodenbaugh, Charlotte Burns, Joseph Burns, George Meyers, Joan Leinbach, Claire Garcia, Johnny Garcia, Anne Krajcovic, Linda Radundy, Nicole Hallerson.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dora Gonzales called the November 20, 2024 meeting of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m.

President Dora Gonzales called for a motion to add an item to the agenda.

Motion: Scott Taylor made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees add: DECISION 24-11-4: Resolution to Authorize Use of a Temporary Tax Credit to Return An Unwarranted Backfill Reimbursement to Taxpayers, to the agenda.

Second:Debbie English seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was approved unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

More than eighty one comments were made by members of the public: Chris Griswell, Steve Abbott, Chris Johnson, Peggy Hartman, Varo Farhad, Pat Webb, Natalie Becker, Joe Pelka, Michelle Haffner, Wendy Lowenberg, Jennifer Walker, Veronica Baker, Jessica Leivers, Audrey Ross, Beth Carlson, Jessica Williams, Craig Williams, Audrey Rogers, Leah Binford, Svetlana Nudelman, Kristin Parks, Birgit Landin, Lisa Bigelow, Eric Lundberg, Charlie Baginski, Terri Carver, Andrew Bacon, Bruce Ackley, Bimi Springmeyer, Melina Parker, Liz Panetta

President Dora Gonzales announced that Executive Session would begin at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will return to Public Comment upon the Board's return to the regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Dora Gonzales called for a Motion to move to Executive Session.

Motion: Julie Smyth made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees enter Executive Session to conference with the Pikes Peak Library District's attorney for purposes of receiving legal advice as authorized by C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b)

Second: Erin Bents seconded the motion.

The Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees moved into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

The Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees returned from Executive Session to the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT cont.

Erin Powers, Kevin Binkley, Karla Powers, Judith Darcy, Bill Wysong, Aria Douville, Will Rogers, Jacob Ward, Kat Gayle, City Councilmember Dave Donelson, Nancy McCaffrey, Audra Talamantes, Kenneth Bowen, Brook Graves, Stephanie Moss, Justin Moss, Caroline Werly, City Councilmember David Leinweber, Delaney Brant, Amy Zupar, Kim Reading, Sara Sparks, Brittany W., Abby Miska, Julie Miksa, Stephanie Sabo, Caroline Werle, Liz Vanatta, April Hussey, Noah Hussey, Dahlia Hussey, John Hussey, Jana Murdoch, Todd Nelson, Rachell Barlett, Henry Bartlett Josephine Ruis-Rubio and children, Leo Finkelstein, Matthew Smith, Ken Feel, Zach Spark, Sarah Spark, Brittany Woodrow, Mo R., Aubrey Ranson, Bernadette Doll, George Myers, Frank Bernhard, Sarah Hoobler. Comments were primarily requesting the Board reverse its decision on the Rockrimmon Lease and not closing other libraries.

REPORTS

Board Reports

Governance Committee

Chairperson Julie Smyth stated that the Committee reviewed the bylaws, discussed Board positions for 2025, and the CEO assessment.

Internal Affairs Committee

Chairperson Aaron Salt stated that the committee met twice; the first meeting was a review of the resolutions presented today, and a special meeting on November 19 to discuss options for the Monument lease.

Public Affairs Committee

The Public Affairs Committee did not meet in November.

Liaison Comments

County Commissioner Carrie Geitner thanked the Board members for their service, and the community members who are attending, many of whom attended the County Commissioner meeting yesterday. The Board has done a tremendous job working with a difficult decision.

City Councilmember Nancy Henjum thanked the Board members. She has received more input from the community on this topic than any other in her service to the city. Attending the City Council work session on November 25 is an opportunity to collaborate.

Trustee Comments

All of the Trustees thanked the community for their passion, for coming together and for attending today's meeting.

Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District Report

The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District report was included in the packet. Friends of the PPLD Board President Rita Jordan shared that the bylaws have been updated, that financial procedures for working with PPLD and the individual libraries have been developed, and that the 2025 budget is progressing.

Pikes Peak Library District Foundation Report

The Pikes Peak Library District Foundation report was included in the packet. Senior Director of Development and Foundation Executive Director Courtney Deuser announced that the Individual Giving Coordinator has accepted the job offer and will start with PPLD on December 2, 2024. An Open House for Foundation Board members will be held at Penrose Library on December 12. Ms. Deuser continues to work through Foundation records and establish processes.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was included in the Board packet. Chief Financial Officer Randy Green shared that revenue from property tax is higher than expected, and he asked to remove DECISION 24-11-4 Resolution to Authorize Use of a Temporary Tax Credit to Return An Unwarranted Backfill Reimbursement to Taxpayers from the agenda, gather additional information, and reintroduce the resolution in 2025.

Public Services Report

The Public Services Report was included in the Board packet. Chief Public Services Officer and Deputy Chief Librarian Tammy Sayles reported that a graduate of the Adult Education Food Industry Training (FIT) program was hired as the manager of the Opus Café at the El Paso County building on Garden of the Gods Road. Ms. Sayles thanked Colleen Medling for coordinating the Integrated Library System (ILS) demonstrations, Regional History & Genealogy hosted 117 visitors for the Spooky Stacks event, and Penrose Library hosted a Community Services event.

Support Services Reports: Communications; Facilities; Human Resources; Information Technology; Safety, Social Services, & Security; Strategy & Innovation

The Support Services Reports were included in the Board packet. The Board is impressed with the downward trend for safety issues in the District.

Chief Librarian and CEO Report

Chief Librarian and CEO Teona Shainidze-Krebs shared that there are 56 open positions at PPLD, and several job offers have not been accepted. The Market Study results should be available soon. Ms. Shainidze-Krebs thanked the Manitou Art Center (MAC) for partnering with PPLD the past few years, thanked the city of Manitou Springs for their partnership, and announced that the Grand Opening of the Manitou Springs Library will be held in January. The roof at Ruth Holley Library will be replaced by the new building owner, causing a closure for one week in December. A meeting with the District 11 superintendent is scheduled in December to discuss their partnership with PPLD. Ms. Shainidze-Krebs closed by thanking Denise Abbott, Chief Communications Officer, for cancelling her vacation to be available for PPLD.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Consent Items

Minutes of the October 15, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting
There were no comments or requested changes.

Unfinished Business

DECISION 24-11-1 **URA OneVeLa**

The URA OneVeLa documentation was included in the Board packet. Executive Director of the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority (CSURA) Jariah Walker stated this project is requesting a 50% commitment from PPLD on the TIF agreement. Angela Dougan would like to see changes in how URA projects are done.

Motion: Debbie English made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees approve the URA OneVeLa project TIF agreement as presented.

Second: Erin Bents seconded the motion.

Discussion: Angela Dougan would like to see changes in how URA projects are done.

Vote: President Dora Gonzales asked for a vote by roll call:

Angela Dougan – yes

Julie Smyth – no

Scott Taylor - no

Debbie English – yes

Erin Bents – yes

Aaron Salt – no

Dora Gonzales – yes

With four trustees voting yes and three trustees voting no, the motion passes 4-3.

New Business

DECISION 24-11-2 **Resolution to adjust the 2024 Budgeted Current Property Tax Revenue**

The Resolution to adjust 2024 budgeted property tax revenue was included in the packet.

Motion: Julie Smyth made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees approve the Resolution to Adjust 2024 Budgeted Property Tax Revenue as presented.

Second: Debbie English seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

DECISION 24-11-3 **Resolution to Apportion the Consolidated Total of the 2024 Budgeted Capital Funds Property Tax Revenue between the Four Existing Independent Capital Funds**

The Resolution to Apportion the Consolidated Total of the 2024 Budgeted Capital Funds Property Tax Revenue between the Four Existing Independent Capital Funds was included in the packet.

Motion: Julie Smyth made a motion that the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees approve the Resolution to Apportion the Consolidated Total of the 2024 Budgeted Capital Funds Property Tax Revenue between the Four Existing Independent Capital Funds as presented.

Second: Debbie English seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote was approved unanimously.

DECISION 24-11-4 **Resolution to Authorize Use of a Temporary Tax Credit to Return An Unwarranted Backfill Reimbursement to Taxpayers**

Decision 24-11-4 has been adjourned to a future meeting of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, President Dora Gonzales adjourned the regular meeting of the Pikes Peak Board of Trustees at 9:45 p.m.