

**MEETING OF THE
ZULA B. WYLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES
January 21, 2021
6:00pm via Zoom**

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library Board met on Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Library Board Members Present: Dennis Brock, Lee Ruth Bryant, Elaine Cook, Traphene Hickman, Jazmine James, Jackie Moore, Mary White, and ex officio members: Kenneth Prettol

Library Board Members Absent: President Christine Benson, Vice-President Mary Sadousky, Gabrielle Brewer, and ex officio members: Lisa Cerovsky

Library Staff Present: Councilman Gregory Glover, Deputy City Manager Melissa Valadez-Cummings, Director of Library Services Aranda Bell, Library Executive Secretary Correne Constantino

I. Call the meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Library Director, Aranda Bell at 6:04 p.m.

II. Citizens Forum

Councilman Gregory Glover spoke to the Library Board; he offered all a Happy New Year and wanted to congratulate Aranda Bell on her promotion to Library Director.

III. Approval of November 2020 Library Board Minutes

Mary White made a motion to accept the minutes for the November 2020 meeting. Elaine Cook seconded the motion. All approved.

IV. Library Update by Melissa Valadez-Cummings

Ms. Valadez-Cummings began by congratulating Aranda Bell who was recently promoted to Library Director. She also acknowledged the hard work of library staff. Melissa continued by sharing that the Library in a Park project has already been in full swing during 2021. She explained next steps and opened up the call for any questions. Melissa ended by encouraging all to take a walk through the Library in a Park site.

V. Operations Update

Ms. Aranda Bell, Library Director, gave a summary of the pivots made due to Covid-19 to make our MLK a successful event. The MLK Celebration was virtual and included the Youthtellers, our Cedar Hill Mayor, and the Dallas Black Dance Theater. It has over 2000 views currently.

Ms. Bell also shared regarding our MLK Day of Service, a tradition for Cedar Hill employees and community. Some of the library staff and board members served by cleaning up the Library in a Park site. While other staff socially distanced at the library to create care kits for

Bridges Safehouse. As well as creating a Turquoise Table movement for the community togetherness.

VI. Staffing

One of our newer LSR staff members, Irene, has accepted a new fulltime position and had her last day last week. After 20 years of service with the city, Theresa Brooks will be retiring at the end of January. Invitation to her Zoom Retirement Party was sent out Friday following the board meeting.

Reminder: Thursday, January 28th is the Boards and Commission Event.

VII. Friends Report

Friends President, Elaine Cook shared the latest happenings with the board:

- Dr. Gray has joined the Friends and will be the Membership Chair.
- The Friends have started a Karen Stanfill Memorial Fund! How the donations will be used is still to be determined.
- The Friends will also be purchasing some more air filters for the library staff.

VIII. Adjourn

Aranda Bell called for a motion to adjourn at 6:52pm. Elaine Cook gave a motion. Jackie Moore seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Correne Constantino, Executive Library Secretary


Christine Benson, Library Board President

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2020-2021 BOARD ATTENDANCE

Member		AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
	Term Expires												
Benson, Christine	2022	P	P	P	P		A						
Brewer, Gabrielle	2022	A	P	P	P		A						
Brock, Dennis	2021	P	P	P	P		P						
Bryant, Lee Ruth	2021	P	P	P	P		P						
Cook, Elaine	2021	P	P	P	P		P						
Hickman, Traphene	2022	P	A	A	A		P						
Moore, Jackie	2022	P	P	P	P		P						
Sadousky, Mary	2021	P	P	P	P		A						
White, Mary	2022	P	P	P	P		P						
James, Jazmine	2022	P	P	P	P		P						
Cerovsky, Lisa (ex officio)	2021	P	P	P	P		A						
Prettol, Kenneth (ex officio)	2021	P	A	P	P		P						