



Livingston Parish Library Board of Control  
Special Meeting, May 24, 2023

## Minutes

The Livingston Parish Board of Control met in a special session on May 24, 2023. The meeting took place at the Denham Springs - Walker Branch, located at 8101 US Hwy 190, Denham Springs, LA 70726.

### 1. Call to Order

Board President, Ronnie Bencaz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### 2. Moment of Silence

Board President, Ronnie Bencaz calls for a moment of silence.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance is said by all those in attendance.

### 4. Roll Call

Present: Ronnie Bencaz, Ivy Graham, Kathy DeGeneres, Melissa Anderson, Larry Davis, Wendi Neal, and Francine Smith

Absent: Layton Ricks

Also Present: Michelle Parrish (Interim Director)

### 5. Public Comments – please refer to audio recording for more information

Rebecca Roberts, Livingston Parish resident, questioned the millage and asked the questions of *“How much money do we have budgeted to run our library system?”* and *“How much money do you have in the bank?”* Michelle Parrish, Interim Director, stated that the millage approval would be for \$6,841,396.62. Ms. Roberts then went on to say *“The millions that we have in the budget already, is this enough to keep y’all going? Are y’all needing to add a millage?”* Ms. Parrish then states no, we are simply renewing the same 10 mils that has been in place.

Ms. Roberts then goes on to ask questions regarding IT that were discussed in a previous board meeting.

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Resolution to request the Livingston Parish Council to set the Millage Renewal Date on the November 18, 2023 Election**

- i. Presented by Michelle Parrish

Ms. Parrish, acting as the Secretary of the Library Board of Control, reads the resolution.

Motion to adopt resolution as read made by Kathy deGeneres and seconded by Ivy Graham

Yeas: Bencaz, Graham, deGeneres, Anderson, Davis, Neal, Smith

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

The motion carried.

### **b. Adopt the Millage Rate**

- i. Resolution to Adopt the Millage Rate for 2023
  1. Presented by Michelle Parrish

Ms. Parrish, acting as Secretary of the Library Board of Control, reads the resolution.

Motion adopt the resolution as presented made by Ivy Graham and seconded by Francine Smith

Yeas: Bencaz, Graham, deGeneres, Anderson, Davis, Neal, Smith

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

The motion carried.

## **7. Executive Session: Personnel Matters**

### **a. Director Search Committee**

- i. Review of Applicants

Mr. Bencaz and Ms. Graham state that this doesn't constitute as an Executive Session, it should just be a normal meeting of the Search Committee. The board agrees with this decision.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Bencaz adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.