



**Livingston Parish Library Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
May 18, 2021**

The Livingston Parish Library Board of Control met in a regular session on May 18, 2021. The meeting took place at the Denham Springs-Walker branch located at 8101 U.S. Hwy 190, Denham Springs, LA 70726.

**1. Call to order**

Board Vice President, Ms. Kathy deGeneres, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

**2. Roll call**

Present: Kathy deGeneres, Debbie Henson, Lindsay Varnado, Stephen Link, Roy Miller, Ivy Graham.

Absent: Layton Ricks, Ronnie Bencaz.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Lindsay Varnado motioned to approve the Minutes from the March 16 meeting as recorded. Motion seconded by Debbie Henson. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Public comments**

Members of the public addressed the Board in reference to item 6 of the agenda, "Library budget, reduction in Library tax from 10 mills to 5 mills, gravity drainage district 8 – Shane Mack." The following parish residents spoke about the matter and provided personal accounts of why the library was important to them. Alonso Campbell spoke in support of the library. Melissa Anderson spoke in support of the library. Bill Tucker spoke in support of the library. Charles Sibley spoke in support of the library. Mary Felder spoke in support of the library. Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes spoke in support of the library. Andy Mclin spoke in support of the library. Wesley Sorenson spoke in support of the library.

**5. Unfinished Business**

None

**6. New business**

**a. Library budget, reduction in Library tax from 10 mills to 5 mills, gravity drainage district 8 – Shane Mack, Council District 9.**

Shane Mack presented the Board with the reasons for finding the alternative funding methods of the newly formed Gravity Drainage District 8 and took questions from the Board and the public. Brandon Browning made remarks regarding Mr. Mack's proposal. Following Mr. Mack's presentation, Giovanni Tairov spoke in favor of preserving the library's funding.

**b. Budget Amendment**

The review of the library's budget was tabled.

**7. Director's Report**

Giovanni Tairov pointed the Board's attention to the meeting packets, which included the financial report. He also updated the Board on the status of the roof replacement project. Tairov stated that the settlement letter had been received and that he would make his final recommendation to the Board soon. Giovanni Tairov also updated board members on the status of building improvement projects. He stated that the Albany-Springfield branch project had to be canceled due to the building structural issues. The Denham Springs-Walker and Watson branch projects are still on schedule.

**8. Executive session.**

The Board entered executive session at 7:24 p.m. to review the director's performance. The Board exited from executive session at 7:45 p.m. Ivy Graham motioned to move the director's compensation one step up on the established employee pay scale. Lindsay Varnado seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 7:46 p.m.

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Board President

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