



Livingston Parish Library Board of Control
Regular Meeting, July 19, 2022

Minutes

The Livingston Parish Library Board of Control met in a regular session on July 19, 2022. The meeting took place at the Main Branch, located at 20390 Iowa Street, Livingston, LA 70754.

1. Call to Order – Ronnie Bencaz, Board President (5:05 p.m.)
2. Roll Call – Giovanni Tarov, Director
Ronnie Bencaz – Absent
Kathy deGeneres – Present
Ivy Graham – Present (5:42 p.m.)
Debbie Henson – Present
Stephen Link – Present (5:08 p.m.)
Melissa Anderson – Present
Erin Sandefur – Present
Layton Ricks – Absent
Staff Present: Giovanni Tairov, Library Director.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2022.
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Debbie Henson and seconded by Erin Sandefur. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. A motion to move items 6 and 7 of the Agenda was made by Erin Sandefur and seconded by Debbie Henson. The motion was carried unanimously by the following votes.

Yeas:	Henson, DeGeneres, Anderson, Sandefur
Nays:	0
Absent:	Bencaz, Link, Graham
Abstain:	0
5. Book content – Erin Sandefur
Erin Sandefur distributed copies of documents (copies of pages from several books) to the Board; she stated that she had been approached by a few people in the parish and a state official also brought the books to her attention. She stated that she viewed the books as inappropriate and provided the Board with the titles. Erin Sandefur then asked the Board to look into the sexual content of some of the books in the library located in the children's and young adult sections. She then asked for public discussion. Kathy deGeneres open the floor

for public discussion. Over thirty members of the public expressed their opinion on the matter. *Due to the length of the public discussion, an audio recording is provided on the library's website.* After the public discussion ended, Erin Sandefur made closing remarks, stating that her question was about the content of the books, not anyone's sexual persuasion or gender.

6. Sings in libraries – Erin Sandefur

Erin Sandefur opened the discussion by asking the Board to consider placing the LPL Board of Control meeting notices at all library branches, at all entrances and exits. Giovanni Tairov informed the Board that the library already posts meeting notices in accordance with state law. Upon discussing the matter, a motion to post public notices of the agenda at all entrances and exits of each library was made by Erin Sandefur and seconded by Melissa Anderson. The motion carried.

Yeas:	Graham, Link, Anderson, Sandefur
Nays:	Henson
Absent:	Bencaz, deGeneres
Abstain:	0

7. Approve Change Order

Giovanni Tairov asked the Board to approve Change Order 6-R1 for the amount of \$10,905 to allow for the completion of the work in the area being converted from storage to office space. A motion to approve the change order was made by Debbie Henson and seconded by Stephen Link. The motion carried.

Yeas:	Graham, Henson, Anderson, Link, Sandefur
Nays:	0
Absent:	Bencaz, deGeneres
Abstain:	0

8. Director's report, Construction updated - Giovanni Tairov

Giovanni Tairov informed the Board that the project was on time and set to complete on the projected date.

9. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.