



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BLANCHARD /SANTA PAULA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, August 27, 2024 – 6:00 PM.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Board Vice-President Maisha Olson.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Trustees, Maisha Olson, Ron Merson, Miriam Zamora and Rick Reyes were in attendance, a quorum established. Library Director Justin Formanek was present. Geraldine Barrows was absent.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Merson made a motion to approve the order of the agenda Trustee Zamora seconded the motion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Merson reported that he was contacted by Carol Hardison suggesting a candidate's forum be held or an article in the Santa Paula Times with information from the candidates. Director Formanek will explore options.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Merson made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and Trustee Reyes seconded the motion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**6. BOARD/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS, CONCERNS, HANDOUTS**

Trustee Zamora asked for an update regarding the ZIP program and Director Formanek reported that the funding is being processed.

Trustee Olson reported on the Library participation in the Labor Day Parade September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Status of Building Forward Project**

Bid proposals for the HVAC/ROOF have been reviewed by legal counsel. The bid process was reviewed by Director Formanek.

Director Formanek reviewed the battery backup project.

- B. Community Hall Update – The Facilities Committee met with Director Formanek, the architect and a FOL Representative Linda Wilkinson to discuss changes to the plan for the FOL facilities. Revised plans will be submitted to the Board for review.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Trustee Merson made a motion to approve and execute the amended JPA and bylaws for the Black Gold Library System. Trustee Olson seconded the motion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **9. REPORTS**

- A. The Board reviewed the department reports for July 2024.
- B. Mr. Formanek shared his activities for the month.
- C. The Art, Facilities, Finance, and Strategic Planning Strategic Planning Committees gave updates.

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None noted.

## **11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

The next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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Ron Merson  
Clerk

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Justin Formanek  
Library Director