

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 16, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Stephanie Garcia, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in the Ryals room at the Rawlings Library.

Board Members Presents: Marlene Bregar
 Lyndell Gairaud
 Stephanie Garcia
 Phil Mancha
 Dustin Hodge
 Frederick Quintana

Board Members Absent: Doreen Martinez

Attorney Present: Doug Gradisar, Attorney – Gradisar Trechter Ripperger & Roth

Staff Present: Jon Walker - Executive Director
 Sherri Baca - Chief Financial Officer
 Sean Miller - I.T Department
 Sonya West - Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

II. CORRECTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

III. WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A. Referred Measure

Bart Miller, Special Legal Counsel with Collins, Cockrel & Cole, will provide a report on a proposed referred measure for the November election.

(Bart Miller and Steve Welchert attended via conference call. Jon Walker referenced hand out Work Session Discussion Item III.A Referred Measure that was posted on website under board packets. A printed copy of the document was also provided to each Trustee.)

Jon Walker

Our first item is a review of the resolution and referred measure language. I have a copy on the screen here and you each have a printed copy in front of you as well. I would like to review this and then Bart Miller is here to answer any questions or address any comments that you may have at this point. This has been an ongoing discussion for several months. What you see in front of you is the resolution, which you have seen before, with the suggested changes from our last meetings discussions. Importantly, at the end of this resolution is exhibit A which is the language for the referred measure itself. At our last meeting, there was some discussion regarding some modification requests and that modification has been included here. The verbiage was changed to "collected" on the fifth line. I will also remind you that we have been in contact with the County Commissioners and their attorney as well. Bart Miller has also been in direct contact with the County Commissioners' office to ensure that we are in sync with them. The Trustees now will consider adopting the resolution and this is the resolution to adopt. This resolution when adopted will ask the County Commissioners to set this issue onto the ballot in November 2019, and to use exhibit A as the ballot language. Is that correct Bart Miller?

Bart Miller

Yes, that is correct.

Jon Walker

So with that, as I have said, we have talked about this quite a while now. It is recommended that if you are in alignment and all your questions have been answered sufficiently, that you would consider this for action at your meeting next Thursday. With that action in adopting this resolution, it would alert the County Commissioners and County Attorney to follow their process to refer the measure to the ballot. They have indicated through their attorney that they would be taking that action within approximately two weeks of your action or by early August. Is that correct Bart Miller?

Bart Miller

Yes, that is correct. They have indicated to me that it is likely they would want to take action on either the 30th of July or 1st of August.

Jon Walker

So that is really all I have to present. Steve Welchert is also on the phone in the event that there are questions he could answer as well.

Stephanie Garcia

Just one question. When this passes, when do we get to start keeping that tax?

Bart Miller

That would be effective the first of January, when property taxes for next year become assessed.

Jon Walker

Any other questions or comments?

Fredrick Quintana

I would agree with Jon Walker, we have been discussing this for quite some time. I appreciate the work that everyone has put into it. I am glad the board has taken the time to thoroughly deliberate on this matter. Speaking for myself, I would like to definitely see us set this item for action at the next meeting.

Stephanie Garcia

This will be an action agenda item at the next meeting on Thursday, July 25th.

Jon Walker

Great, I will take that as instruction and add this resolution for adoption to the next agenda. Any other comments from you Bart Miller or Steve Welchert?

Bart Miller

No, I think this is great that you all will consider this formally at your meeting next week and we can go from there.

Jon Walker

I assume if the action is taken at the next meeting then you would be back in contact with the County Commissioners' attorney at that point?

Bart Miller

Yes, once the Board of Trustees adopts this, we will transmit it to the Board of County Commissioners and they will then take their action on it. I will find a definite date of when the County Commissioners will be acting on this, that way you will be able to plan to have some of your folks there to observe what they are doing.

Steve Welchert

I would recommend that you let the media know about the meeting next week with a media alert statement. I will help you draft that.

Stephanie Garcia

Do we need to read this into the record at the next meeting?

Bart Miller

No, there is no requirement to read the document into record. As long as it is on your agenda and that you have copies available for the public and Trustees.

Jon Walker

Thank you guys, we will be in contact.

B. Joint Gathering of Library Boards

There will be discussion of upcoming informal gathering opportunity among the Library Trustees, Library Foundation Directors, and Friends of the Library Directors.

Jon Walker

As you may know, annually there is an informal gathering of the different boards. The hosting of the event is on a rotational basis and this is the year for the Library Trustees to host. I have been in conversation with Doreen Martinez and she is willing to host it at her home. So the question will be to set a date. Once that is established, we will send an invitation to the other boards. Typically the board secretary would help facilitate that. What I would recommend we do is to query Doreen Martinez and see when she would be available to host the event, and then we would query you all about those dates and see which date works best for everyone.

Marlene Bregar

Do we usually have the event in August or September? After August would be best for me, as I travel for work in August.

Jon Walker

We do it in the fall. There is flexibility for the date, but it is usually September or October time frame.

(At this time, Trustees discussed possible dates and gave a list to Jon Walker of dates when they are not available.)

Please email me with any dates you would suggest to have the event or dates that you could not attend. It sounds like September is the more preferred month.

I also want to ask that on July 25th, which is next Thursday, the Pueblo Downtown Association is holding their luncheon here in the Ryals room and I would like for you to attend if possible. I will be presenting at the luncheon and it would be great to have Trustees attend. If you are able to attend, please let Sonya West know and she will make your reservations.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sonya West

Executive Assistant