

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting (ZOOM)
Thursday September 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:44pm

Roll Call:

President- Janet Mateo -

Vice President- Jonathan Beckford- Present

Trustee- David McKnight- Present

Secretary- Theresa Mason- Present

Mayors Alternate- Louis Copeland

Karen Harris- Present

Attorney- Dan Smith-Present

April Cruz- Present

Quantavia Hilbert City Council

Meeting came to order with Trustees concerns:

Chair Amended agenda from last minutes

Table to address, financial issue

September 19, 2023 adopted budget for City Library

Funded by the old budget \$531,000 min by the State; \$44,000 per a month

Short from (\$732,000), \$61,000 a month to \$44,000

Should receive \$171,000 for October

Johnathan- Is that what we are going to receive

Louis- we will receive

Stephanie- are we going to get it in a lump sum

Louis- pass resolution, the difference we miss Jan-Sept and request Oct allotment

Stephanie- we do we have to request when we are allow it

Louis- we have to do our job and pass a resolution

Stephanie- how much should we receive

Louis- sending it over quickly

Louis- bookkeeper sent an email over to you to sit down with Stephanie

Stephanie- TaQuisha said she didn't?? To come until we have money

Louis- we have to be careful on what we say she isn't here

?- we should be allow to defend our self

To move forward with budget being adopted

Motion by Louise; second by David

Roll Call- everyone yes

David- if we go to that can we put something in place that Stephanie sign bills that

She receives from TaQuisha and TaQuisha sign for what she get from Stephanie

Karen- serious problem, library operates on a budget I have a problem with how

Money is being paid on a spread sheet _____ starts are account

Louis- I agree with Karen; we need to have a level of _____ in private not in public

Stephanie- I don't know what you are talking about

Johnathan- need a level of transparency, how could we start a complete list of what

Is owed by the library

Stephanie- yes, let's meet next week, Louis can you email me that resolution

Karen-Can we get a list of over _____ of that question and quantity so we can make sure we have the funds

Johnathan- Karen, I sent a spread sheet before

Karen-I asked for that a period of time ago, thank you for doing that

David- _____ bills being sign who received and what came in should be permeant not temporary

Louis- schedule a meeting for Monday or Thursday before the end of the month

David- would we have the funds by Monday

Stephanie- Monday

Louis- board has to identify issue _____

Karen- if we don't vote to pay bills

Louis – On Thursday library will send all board members a list of all unpaid bills

Johnathan- if not enough funds

Louis- \$153,000 contact vendors to be voted on September 28, 2023 when payment will be made

Motion- _____ bill list to be voted on September 28, 2023

2nd Karen

7:26 pm close session

Louis- start with Dan

Dan –going to be very clear; notices of claims and complaints has to be investigated. Subject matters has to be interview on allegations. Report will be submitted to board, board will be in a position to pursue or termination on how they wish to proceed. We have a certain amount of time to investigate

Karen- who's conducting investigation

Dan- I'm

Karen- addition cost for investigation if we bring in outside investigation

Karen- investigation on what was sent to me and needs to happen quickly

Louis- notice of claim filed with State; board has to determine do they want to hire outside or Dan, we would have to look at the cost

Dan attorney client privilege has to be disclose; I would look at it first

Karen- how soon will you have a report; October meeting we will make a determination

Dan- she didn't accept the rice; we can't talk about litigation

Johnathan- _____

Louis- continue litigation of behavior

Louis- motion on the floor; I'm not going to rely on leadership

Johnathan- I need to know if we are covered through DNO

Louis- first to do is _____ a neglect; I want to protect my self

Johnathan- I believe information is being withheld

Karen- I'm confused

David- exposure on _____ people to be reckless

Johnathan- I said to send to board

Louis- I don't trust you

Dan- conversation can't be taking place

Louis- requesting motion on the floor, some people continue to choose to ignore

litigation that they fail to address certain behavior is unacceptable

Dan- its clear on what happen

David- it has to be made in public session; TaQuisha has nothing to do with the City

Louis- she made an accusation not _____

David _____

Dan- you can't slander another employee with no bases, the person will have an action against slander what policy as board members what protection

Louis- can board be held responsible

Dan-yes if the board knows about it and not take any action

David- we should not be talking about it if they wasn't RICE, we all want to be protected

Louis- that's your thought

Dan- what's the conflict with Chris Hartywk

David- should the Ba question employee

Dan- as an employer has duty to investigate

Dan- you have the right to do it, to make a policy if people go ____ they are on their own, you can create a policy on how to handle board members who go outside

Louis- to acknowledge and not conclude any litigation

David-

Dan- we are talking about TaQuisha ____ that she made, TaQuisha said we can talk about it

Louis- wrote policy (read on ____) don't condone that behavior

Karen- we have to end at 8:15pm, why can't we wrap this up in the investigation with the claim

Louis- chair said to ____ people about our conversation; I'm not going to ____ with anybody

Karen- I didn't have a problem with you putting motion forward

Motion to come out of close session 8:12pm

2nd Karen

Karen- does the library have a zoom account

Dan- that's an expense; I agree

Louise- motion to table Sept 28, meeting w/bookkeeping Louis, Johnathan and provide

A list to all board members on Tuesday

Motion on floor to close session

2nd Therese Mason

All board members voted yes

Johnathan- are we going to get 3rd monthly or quarterly

Louis- I can't answer that when I'm not sure

Johnathan- if we get to quarterly it can determine how we pay our bills

Stephanie- quarterly is what library do

Karen- Dan can I ask if library can buy zoom access

Dan- should be on bill list on next week

Stephanie- I been asking too

Louis- this is my personal account not the city

Louis- motion to close 8:20pm

Johnathan motion to close

2nd David

Next meeting September 28, 2023 by zoom

