

MINUTES
PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT
SPECIAL DATE MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President Martin called the Special Date Meeting of the Placentia Library District (PLD) Board of Trustees to order on May 9, 2022 at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: President Jo-Anne Martin, Secretary Gayle Carline, Trustee Sherri Dahl.

Members Absent: Trustee Hilaire Shioura.

Staff Present: Jeanette Contreras, Library Director; Lina Nguyen, Executive Assistant.

Guests on zoom: Shellie McCurdy, Library Assistant; Laura DeLeon, Library Clerk; Jeremy Yamaguchi, resident; Luke H., resident; 7147778726; John Sparks, resident; PLD IT

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was motioned by Secretary Carline and seconded by Trustee Dahl to adopt the agenda as presented (Item 3).

AYES: Martin, Carline, Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Shioura

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Shellie McCurdy, Library Assistant of the Placentia Library District called in through Zoom and commended the board for the actions they are taking to remove Trustee Shioura from his position and spoke on the importance of maintaining a Board of Trustees whose main focus is serving the community of Placentia (Item 4). Attached is Ms. McCurdy's comments.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-02 DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE OF THE PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT DUE TO AN ABANDONMENT OF DUTIES BY TRUSTEE SHIOURA.

Director Jeanette Contreras introduced Counsel Michael Daudt to the board. He was filling in for Counsel David DeBerry. Director Contreras gave a brief background on the issues which led to Resolution 2022-02. For the record, Counsel Daudt stated the determination of vacant office is being brought pursuant to government code 1770. President Jo-Anne Martin opened up the floor for any comments from the other Trustees or the public. Both Secretary Carline and Trustee Dahl had no further comments and both fully support the resolution. Secretary Carline made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-02 Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Trustee of the Placentia Library District due to an Abandonment of Duties by Trustee Shioura. It was seconded by Trustee Dahl. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Martin, Carline, Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Shioura

FILL THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEAT

Director Contreras briefly introduced the three candidates to the Board interviewing for the Trustee seat vacated by Trustee Al Shkoler: Stephanie Beverage, Natalie Higgins, and Scott Nelson. President Martin went through the

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procedures for selecting which candidate to appoint. Executive Assistant Lina Nguyen determined the order in which the candidates will be interviewed via a random draw. The order is as follows: Scott Nelson, Natalie Higgins, and Stephanie Beverage. Each candidate introduced themselves and answered questions from the Board. Each Board member assigned points to each candidate after the interviews and Executive Assistant Nguyen tabulated the ballots. The voting record for each candidate is as follows:

1. Scott Nelson 8 points
2. Stephanie Beverage 7 points
3. Natalie Higgins 3 points

Secretary Carline motioned to recommend Scott Nelson to the Board of Supervisors office to fulfill the vacant seat left by Trustee Shkoler. It was seconded by President Martin. A roll call vote was taken:

- AYES: Martin, Carline, Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Shioura

Director Contreras thanked the candidates and the Board for taking the time to go through the interview process to fill the Trustee vacancy. Director Contreras noted for Trustee Shioura’s vacancy, the Library will need to publish another public notice to fill the seat. However, the remaining two candidates from today’s interview process will hold their eligibility for the consideration for Trustee Shioura’s seat. The two candidates will not need to resubmit a new letter of interest and will not need to interview again unless they wish be interviewed again.

DISCUSS NEW JOB DESCRIPTION – PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENT.

Director Contreras explained the issues which led to the discussion of creating a Passport Acceptance Agent position at the Library. This position is based on the Palos Verdes passport agent position with some changes. Director Contreras expressed the Library staff’s desire to implement the passport appointment system then assessment the new process to help determine the staffing needs for passport services. After comments and suggestions made by the Board, Secretary Carline motioned to approve the Passport Acceptance Agent Job Description as amended, inclusive of input received from the Library Board of Trustees and to approve an amendment to the 2021-2023 Fiscal Years Budget to reflect the new Passport Acceptance Agent positions. It was seconded by Trustee Dahl. A roll call vote was taken:

- AYES: Martin, Carline, Dahl
NOES: None
ABSENT: Shioura

DISCUSS MAY BOARD MEETING DATE.

Director Contreras requested to move the next Board meeting from May 16, 2022 to May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. due to additional time to prepare staff reports. After the Trustee’s checked their schedules to ensure they were able to accommodate the change, Trustee Dahl motioned to approve amending the May 16, 2022 Board

meeting date to May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. It was seconded by Secretary Carline.
All in favor:

AYES:	Martin, Carline, Dahl
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

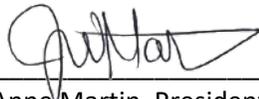
AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

No agenda items requested at this time.

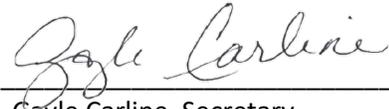
The next Board Meeting will be on May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Trustees Special Date Meeting of May 9, 2022 was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Jo-Anne Martin, President
Library Board of Trustees



Gayle Carline, Secretary
Library Board of Trustees

From: Shellie McCurdy <smccurdy@placentialibrary.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Jeanette Contreras <jcontreras@placentialibrary.org>
Subject: Board Meeting Statement

Hello, I'm Shellie McCurdy, and I am currently employed as a library assistant at the Placentia Library but am appearing on my own time. I have virtually attended, on my own time, nearly every meeting held by the board since the time that Trustee Shioura was appointed. I have consistently found his behavior to be, at best, in bad-faith and intentionally disruptive, and, at worst, willfully ignorant and maliciously in direct opposition to the mission of the library. He has made many capricious requests for agenda items during the time where he was still attending meetings, in an attempt to further his own inscrutable political goals. President Martin, the other board members, the library administration, and even several library staff have extended every measure of grace, courtesy, and rigorous research to assuage Trustee Shioura's concerns and educate him on the purpose of his office. Despite this, Trustee Shioura has demonstrated commitment to only two things - his own political aspirations, and to wasting the valuable time of the public and staff of the library; time which we would all prefer to spend on serving the community of Placentia.

I wanted to take this opportunity to commend the board for taking action to remove Trustee Shioura from his position, and to go on the record for the public to be aware: per his own websites, Trustee Shioura plans to run again for this position in 2024. To receive this office in 2020, Mr. Shioura was not elected – he was appointed. He was the only person to apply for the position, and was therefore not listed on the ballot. If, like in 2020, he runs unopposed, we will be right back here again. In the time that I have been employed at this library, with the exception of Trustee Shioura, the board of trustees has primarily been a group of dedicated and passionate community members that support the library and its staff. We work together to sustain and enrich our essential services to the public, providing equitable access to information and entertainment to all members of the community for free. If you are listening to this and it sounds like something you would want to help with, don't wait for another invitation. We need you.

Thanks!

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