

DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES
Board of Trustees Business Meeting
June 26, 2024
Castle Rock, CO

President Nolan called the business meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

This meeting was held and was noticed in compliance with both Colorado Open Meeting Law and the Douglas County Libraries Bylaws.

The following were present:

TRUSTEES: Suzanne Burkholder, Rick LaPointe, Terry Nolan, Meghann Silverthorn, and Ted Vail

Jessica Kallweit and Zach McKinney were absent. The absences were approved. A quorum was present. Silverthorn arrived at 5:46 p.m.

STAFF: Bob Pasicznyuk, Casie Cook, Jill Corrente, and Patti Owen-DeLay

SECURITY: Officer Cantando, Castle Rock Police

GUEST: Marsha Alston, Douglas County Youth Initiative

PUBLIC: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

- Customer Correspondence

MOTION 24-06-01: Vail moved and the motion carried unanimously to discuss recent customer correspondence. Burkholder seconded the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes May 29, 2024, Board Business Meeting

The minutes were not removed from the consent agenda.

MOTION 24-06-02: LaPointe moved and the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 29, 2024, as presented. Vail seconded the motion.

PRESENTATION: Marsha Alston with Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI)

Alston overviewed the DCYI, sharing:

- History of the entity as an offshoot of the Partnership of Douglas County Governments
- Overseen by multiple entities versus just one, with an advisory board made up of elected officials
- Answers the question of what more we can do to support youth ages 5-21, outside of the school district and other student programs
- Talk about partnering with the Library to host mental health training for youth
- Programs: WrapAround, Truancy Project, La Liga, Youth Awards, Youth Congress
- Connections: Mental health action, DC Youth Forums, DC Youth Commission
- The DCYI is asking for an increase in funding for 2025 from the partners. This would be an increase from \$19,800 to \$25,000 for the Library

LIBRARY BUSINESS

No trustee declared any conflict of interest for any business before the board during this meeting.

Added Agenda Item: Customer Correspondence Discussion

Nolan reviewed elements of the recent correspondence, asking for discussion to come to general consensus for a response. Burkholder welcomes community input from all viewpoints but believes personal statements attacking individual staff members crosses the line. Silverthorn reminded the board that change management can take a long time, such as this transition to libraries as community places versus quiet studying places. Pasicznyuk will work with Nolan to draft a board response.

Executive Committee Report

- Urban Libraries Council (ULC) Membership in 2025
Nolan shared that staff need direction about funding membership with ULC in 2025. Silverthorn overviewed benefits of ULC, noting that the Library does not choose to participate in or use many of them due to a difference in philosophy. LaPointe thanked Silverthorn for her service and work. Vail is seeking more information. Silverthorne will provide a more thorough review of ULC during the August Board Business Meetings for the full board to consider ULC membership status. The board will decide in August.

Executive Library Director Report

- Highlands Ranch Roof Project
Pasicznyuk reviewed the reason for the escalation in the project over budget due to a cladding that joins the roof to the wall that is needed and was not part of the original budget. Budget closure will be brought to the board in August.

MOTION 24-06-03: Burkholder moved and the motion passed unanimously to approve \$1,343,370 to replace the roof and second floor VAVs at the Highlands Ranch library. Vail seconded the motion.

- Impact of New Legislation
Pasicznyuk reviewed legislative items included in his report.

SB 24-233: Burkholder asked about the possible impact of having temporarily lowered the mill levy. Cook reported that the attorney is looking at whether not collecting all possible revenue has now given the library a lower starting revenue with the new legislation.

SB 24-131: The board will need to act to opt out at the August Board Business Meeting.

- Sterling Ranch Memorandum of Understanding
Pasicznyuk will bring this to the board in August for action. There are two items that are under question that the board can discuss in August.
- City of Castle Pines Conversation Around Library Use
Pasicznyuk shared that staff will be discussing this with Castle Pines staff to come to a better understanding and agreements.

PARTNER REPORTS

Partnership of Douglas County Governments

No report.

Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI)

Marsha Alston presented.

Urban Libraries Council (ULC)

Silverthorn reported that the next meeting will be on July 26, 2024.

Douglas County Libraries Foundation

Owen-DeLay encouraged board members to donate to the wine pull and to buy tickets to the Gala event.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Burkholder and LaPointe shared that the Thriller Author Series event with Jack Carr was well-attended and a wonderful event with promotion of our local business partners.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **Board Executive Committee:** July 11, 2024, Castle Pines Library, 8:00 a.m.
- **Board Study Session** (was Board Informal Breakfast): July 31, 2024, Sterling Ranch area, 8:00 a.m.
- **Board Study Session:** August 28, 2024, Philip & Jerry Miller Library at Castle Rock, 4:00 p.m.
- **Board Business Meeting:** August 28, 2024, Philip & Jerry Miller Library at Castle Rock, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner at 5:00 p.m.)

OTHER MEETINGS

- **Partnership of Douglas County Governments:** July 17, 2024, Highlands Ranch Mansion, Highlands Ranch, 7:00 a.m. breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m. meeting.

- **Douglas County Libraries Foundation Annual Gala:** September 27, 2024, Highlands Ranch Mansion, Highlands Ranch, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Nolan adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Burkholder, Board Secretary
Minutes prepared by Patti Owen-DeLay
Approved MOTION 24-08-01, 8/28/2024