
ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 18, 2025

Jail Library
7375 S Potomac St
Englewood, CO

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shaw, Theresa Mehringer (virtual), Steve Oliver, Liz Nichols, Katie Schroeder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sally Daigle

PUBLIC: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beth Dauer, Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Oli Sanidas, Executive Director; Marie Greene, Executive Assistant Jennifer Mahin, Finance, Facilities and Safety Director; Linda Speas, Director of Library Operations; Cynthia Kiyotake, Associate Director of Library Operations; Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology; Kim Collie, Director of the Project Management Office; Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations; Paula Langsam, Library Manager; Mollie Lancaster, Collection Librarian; Lindsay Heinzerling, Library Manager

Katie Schroeder opened the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES No. 854: Bill Shaw moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025 regular board meeting. Steve Oliver seconded and the motion passed

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of estimated spending of \$600,000 in 2025 with GovConnection for Software Licenses, Hardware purchases, etc. Previously reported \$420,000, the increase is due to Microsoft licensing costs for Microsoft 365 E5 being higher than originally planned, as well as additional users for Dynamics 365.

Bill Shaw moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Liz Nichols seconded and the motion passed.

FINANCIALS: Jennifer Mahin was not present. The financial report was provided in the packet to the trustees for review.

Steve Oliver moved to accept the Financials as presented. Katie Schroeder seconded, and the motion passed. Approval of the Financials means:

- Acceptance of the Statement of Revenue and Expense
- Acceptance of the Balance Sheet
- Review of Governance Communication

SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION: Beth Dauer gave an explanation for the surplus property resolution.

Katie Schroeder moved to approve the resolution as presented. Bill Shaw seconded, and the motion passed.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Katie Schroeder noted that she was hoping to bring a recommendation to the board for a candidate to fill the open trustee position, but the candidate had not yet responded to Katie's call to offer her the position. Katie mentioned that this was the strongest group of candidates she had seen. Bill Shaw states that the committee interviewed 12 candidates and felt 9 of them would be a great fit for the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Oli Sanidas reported that ALD expanded the free printing program for patrons.

Oli also noted that he and Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology, had just returned from the Edge Conference in the UK. They presented on Innovation and it was received well. He said that all across the UK, budget is a top issue as their library budgets tend to get cut first. Anthony added that they met several speakers and presenters who said they would be interested in working with them. The cuts to the library budgets are a crisis in the UK and there may be similar cuts impacting smaller library systems in the US. Oli said it was inspiring to hear what libraries are doing with a small budget. Oli mentioned that there was a traveling art show at the conference by kids from the Ukraine and ALD may be partnering with them in the future.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT: Attorney Beth Dauer reported that there is more information on bill HB25-1158, which Oli spoke about at the February board meeting. The bill is intended to address the accessibility of pornography to children through embedded links in advertising in digital education materials. In order to do so, all links would be removed from public databases, which limits access to other resources. The number of links that go to pornography is a very

small percentage of the links. Beth said that it does not look like the bill has the support needed to pass.

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations, highlighted the history of Cherry Creek event that was hosted during Black History Month. Jessica attended the event and said ALD got lots of media coverage and it was a phenomenal event.

She also highlighted that ALD has been holding community conversations that tackle tough topics for the community to talk about. ALD is now also featuring Community Roundtables, which are more informal, facilitated conversations for the community.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business was brought before the Board.

Bill Shaw moved to adjourn, Liz Nichols seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Apr 17, 2025

Date Approved

Liz Nichols

Liz Nichols (Apr 17, 2025 15:05 MDT)

Liz Nichols, Secretary






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