

# THE LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## Library of Virginia

October 13, 2023

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Library Board's Executive Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023, virtually over Zoom. The following committee members were in attendance: C. Paul Brockwell Jr., *chair*; Blythe Ann Scott, *vice chair*; Laura L.L. Blevins; L. Preston Bryant Jr., *past chair*; Robert L. Canida II; and Suzette Denslow. Also in attendance were Deborah A. Love, Senior Assistant Attorney General, and Taylor Melton, Executive Assistant to the State Librarian. Library Board member Barbara Vines Little attended as a silent observer and did not participate in any of the committee's discussions.

Mr. Brockwell opened the meeting with introductions and noted that there were enough committee members present to constitute a quorum. He noted that the purpose of the meeting was to receive a report from the Librarian Search Committee. Ms. Scott moved that the committee enter a closed meeting to discuss and consider a prospective candidate for employment as Librarian of Virginia; to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by the committee on specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; and to discuss or consider honorary degrees or special awards. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to enter closed session.

Once the committee returned from closed session, Ms. Scott moved that the committee certify by roll call vote that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open business meeting requirements, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were, here, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

Before the vote, Mr. Brockwell asked if any member of the committee believed that there was a departure from the requirement of the clauses Ms. Scott cited in the motion. There being none, he called roll for the vote: Ayes – Ms. Blevins, Mr. Brockwell, Mr. Bryant, Dr. Canida, Ms. Denslow, Ms. Scott; Nos – None; Abstentions – None.

Mr. Bryant then moved that the Executive Committee authorize the Board Chair to negotiate and execute a contract for the next State Librarian consistent with the discussion held in closed session. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. Mr. Brockwell asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he called roll for the vote: Ayes – Ms. Blevins, Mr. Brockwell, Mr. Bryant, Dr. Canida, Ms. Denslow, Ms. Scott; Nos – None; Abstentions – None.

Mr. Brockwell stated that he and Ms. Love will now look for a time to connect with the candidate to begin negotiations and that he will keep the committee informed of any updates. He will also share reference check information with committee members.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Brockwell adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.