

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – 9:35AM

555 W Monroe St, Chicago IL, Rockford Room

Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order and asked that the roll be called.

Private Secretary, Pam Waldeck called the roll.

Trustees

Present

Gary Johnson, Chair
Steve Beckett
Joan Brodsky
Jessica Harris
Jason Lesniewicz
Tiffany Mathis Posey
Martin Sandoval
Melinda Spitzer Johnston

Virtual Attendance

Dan Monroe

Absent

Kathryn Harris
Eunice Santos

Staff Present

Christina Shutt, Executive Director
Christen Stanley, Chief Operating Officer
Gloria Legette, Chief Legal Counsel
Jade Kastel, Library Director
Tammy Miner, Chief Fiscal Officer
Pam Waldeck, Private Secretary

Chairman Johnson asked if there was a motion to permit remote participation.

Trustee Steven Beckett moved to approve the remote participation. Trustee Tiffany Mathis Posey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for public comments.

No public comments were presented.

Consent Items

Chairman Johnson requested a motion to approve the February 10, 2024, minutes.

Trustee Steve Beckett moved to approve the February 10, 2024, minutes. Trustee Tiffany Mathis Posey seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Chairman Report

Chairman Johnson gave brief comments and expressed gratitude for the work taking place at the ALPLM.

Administrative Reports

Executive Director Report

Director Shutt stated that the ALPLM is expecting an exciting and busy spring and summer season for the year.

Executive Director Shutt introduced Library Director, Jade Kastel.

Director Shutt announced that the House Appropriations Hearings had been completed and that the Senate Appropriations Hearings would be held in May and that she anticipates the ALPLM's budget proposal will pass at that time. Director Shutt mentioned that the pully system in the theater will be highlighted as a required upgrade.

Director Shutt gave an update on the Google Project and announced that phase III has been given the approval to move ahead and the project is expected to be completed by fall of this year.

Director Shutt announced the ALPLM is preparing for the next exhibit coming this summer and it will be the 'Solidarity Now! 1968 Poor People's Campaign' created by the Smithsonian.

Chief of Staff Report

COS Mahoney was unable to attend the meeting. Executive Director Chistina Shutt gave a brief report on his behalf.

Five new Guest Services employees were onboarded, and one Building and Grounds crew member was added to the ALPLM agency.

The projects with the IL Capital Development Board (CDB) are complete including the new chillers at the library which are running and online.

We are still waiting for CDB to give final approval for the solar EV charging project which will include a battery backup.

Chief Operating Officer Report

COO Stanley reported on her focus on intergenerational interest for the visitors to the ALPLM. She introduced Dollar Saturdays for children which has helped to get greater attendance numbers at the Museum.

Christen has been focused on introducing more family and children-oriented exhibits. She and her team are now in the early planning phases of a new family-oriented exhibit called 'Citizen City'.

Finance Report

Chief Fiscal Officer Tammy Miner reported on the general revenue and stated that the fiscal year 2025 public funds and trust fund financial plans are on track and doing as expected.

Chief Legal Council Report

CLC Gloria Legette reported on trainings and OneNet Link access and that she was able to correct all the trustees' issues regarding trainings. She announced that she temporarily could adjust any dates that were not recorded properly due to issues in the DoIT system.

Training and compliance with ALPLM staff and the Board of Trustees are a high priority for CLC Legette 100% complete for 2023.

CLC Legette announced that every member should have received a Statement of Economic Interest in the mail, and they need completed and submitted to the Secretary of States office. The SSEI forms which is from the Executive Ethics Commission were also sent out and are due May 1, 2024. Staff completion is at 100% on the required documents.

Library Director

Director Jade Kastel introduced herself and shared her experience and education. She gave a brief report on the library which focused on the ALPLM mission statement and upcoming projects. Director Kastel mentioned that she will have more detailed report for the July ALPLM Trustee meeting.

New Business

Discussion and Vote on ALPLM Public Trust Fund Budget

- *Trustee Steven Beckett moved to approve the fund. Trustee Jason Lesniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Discussion and Vote on King Hostick Public Trust Fund

- *Trustee Steven Beckett moved to approve the fund. Tiffany Mathis Posey seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Old Business

None

Executive Session

Trustee Steve Beckett moved to enter executive session in matters involving 5ILCS 120/2C1 to adjourn the open meeting and enter closed session. Trustee Tiffany Mathis Posey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Steve Beckett moved that matters of minutes of the executive sessions of the board as minutes recorded by the legal officer remain closed. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon returning to the public session, Trustee Martin Sandoval moved to increase Executive Director Christina Shutt's salary be increased \$11,238.00 effective on the next pay period. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm.