

**INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020**

The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board met electronically via Zoom on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6:35 p.m., pursuant to notice given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

1. Call To Order

President Salinas presided as Chairman. Secretary Biederman was present.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Biederman, Mr. Bigsbee, Dr. Jett, Dr. Murtadha, Ms. Payne, Rev. Robinson and Judge Salinas.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly constituted.

3. Finance Committee

a. President Salinas will Convene a Public Hearing:

Judge Salinas announced that this Public Hearing was being held to consider the Library's 2021 Budget.

1) To consider the 2021 Library Budget as advertised on July 31 and August 7, 2020 in the *Indianapolis Star* and July 31 and August 7, 2020 in the *Court and Commercial Record*.

a) 2021 Budget Materials and Presentation

M. Jacqueline Nytes, Chief Executive Officer, and Ije Dike-Young, the Library's Chief Financial Officer, discussed the Library's 2021 Budget.

Ms. Nytes began by reviewing the Library's 2021 Budget PowerPoint presentation entitled "Your Indianapolis Public Library – Investing in Impact." Ms. Nytes commented that the Library will make the same presentation to the City-County Council.

Ms. Nytes noted the Library's Mission and Vision as follows:

Mission – To enrich lives and build community through lifelong learning.

Vision – To be a center of knowledge, community life and innovation for Indianapolis.

Ms. Nytes commented on the Library's virtual 2020 Summer Reading Program that was done through Beanstack software. This year the Program focused on the level of

participation and she as pleased to announce that there were five million minutes read.

The Library spent Budget monies to accommodate for COVID 19. We are anticipating reimbursement of at least some of those funds.

At this time, Ms. Dike-Young went on to review the section of the presentation entitled “Budget Overview.”

She discussed the 2021 Budget Key Dates. These dates begin on June 15, 2020 and conclude in January 2021 when the Department of Local Government Finance issues the 1782 Notice of final Budget approval.

She then reviewed the Budget Summary. For 2021, the Budget will be \$71,089,456 as opposed to the 2020 Budget which was \$67,905,101. This is a difference of 4.7%.

Ms. Dike-Young touched on the anticipated challenges for the 2021 Budget. There will be Revenue challenges like the lack of a comparable share of LIT certified shares (COIT) when compared to other Indiana libraries. There will also be Expenditure challenges such as increasing personnel and security costs.

Some of the 2021 Priorities include removing barriers to and increasing racial equity and increasing collaboration with schools and support of e-learning.

Ms. Dike-Young continued to discuss the various funds including the Operating Fund, the Capital and Debt Funds, the Rainy Day Fund and the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund.

She then mentioned various e-resources offered by the Library including Lilly, Hoopla and Kanopy.

Additionally, an update on branch projects was provided. The new Martindale-Brightwood Branch held their Grand Opening on June 19, 2020. It is anticipated that the Lawrence Branch will re-open mid-September. The new West Perry Branch will open in 2021.

Several Board members expressed their thanks and appreciation for the information received and for what’s anticipated for 2021

2) **Invite Public Comment from the Audience**

President Salinas invited public comment at this time.

There were no comments.

President Salinas Will Consider a Motion to Close the Public Hearing

Ms. Payne made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Dr. Murtadha seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at this time.

4. **Other Business**

None.

5. **Adjournment**

The Secretary announced that there was no further business to come before the Board.

The Chairman declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Raymond Biederman, Secretary to the Board

CERTIFICATION

I, Raymond J. Biederman, Secretary to the Board, of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct.

Raymond Biederman, Secretary to the Board

