

MINUTES
OAKLAND COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Special Meeting

August 15, 2018

The special meeting of the Oakland County Library Board was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Clara Bohrer, John Chambers, The Honorable Lisa Langton, Shelley Goodman Taub, and Robert Tera

Excused: Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson and Lillian Steuben

Also in attendance: Michael Andrews, Senior Board of Commissioners Analyst, Laura Mancini, Director- Library Services

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution #18-18: The Honorable Lisa Langton moved to approve the meeting agenda. Shelley Taub seconded. Motion carried.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

John Chambers introduced Michael Andrews to the Library Board.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Recommendation of Law Library Operations and Renovation Plan Memorandum

Board members discussed the memorandum from Board of Commissioners Chairman, Michael Gingell, regarding developing a plan for future library services. Such a plan is to include a decreased space footprint for the Library and a shift from print subscriptions to electronic resources.

Board members inquired as to when such a plan would need to be completed.

Clara Bohrer indicated her interpretation of the memo was that the Law Library should be reduced to as small of an operation as possible while still meeting the core mission of serving the public.

Discussion followed on the Library's mission statement and how the Library's print subscriptions could be scaled back.

Laura Mancini was asked to provide her understanding of law library services to the public in the counties mentioned in Chairman Gingell's memo. Board members inquired as to why these particular counties were selected for benchmarking analysis.

Shelley Taub mentioned that the Library Board would need to work in conjunction with Human Resources regarding any changes to staffing.

Board members discussed the importance of working in good faith to provide a plan to the BOC that would meet the criteria laid out by Chairman Gingell. In return, it is hoped that the BOC would give such a plan their full consideration.

Robert Tera asked Shelley Taub if any political decisions had been made already by the BOC regarding the Law Library's future operation. She indicated that none had yet been made.

Clara Bohrer spoke about the importance of space in planning any library operations. It is important to get clarity from Facilities Management on this question in order that operations could be appropriately structured.

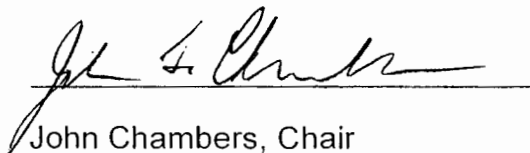
John Chambers appointed two subcommittees to make recommendations for the Library's plan. One committee, comprised of Judge Langton and Lillian Steuben, will analyze the Library's subscriptions. The second committee will look at all other areas of Library operations. Clara Bohrer will chair this committee and will be joined by Shelley Taub, Bob Tera, and Chris Ward from the Board of Commissioners.

5. ADJOURNMENT

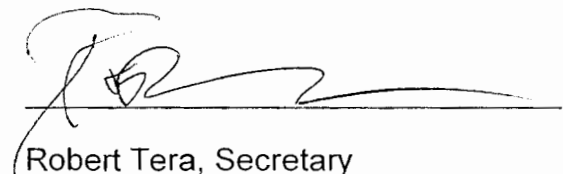
The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Mancini, Director- Library Services



John Chambers, Chair



Robert Tera, Secretary