

Colfax, LA
May 7, 2025

The Library Board of Control of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at the Grant Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 200 Main Street, Colfax, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Roy Edwards, and Mr. Mike Merrell

The following members were absent:

Mr. Winston Roberts

Motion by Mr. Mike Merrell, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

No discussions were brought forth

Motion by Mr. Johnny Jamison, seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published on the website and to be published in the official journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members reviewed and discussed current library positions, pay scale, and organizational chart. The position of Director and Assistant to the Director will both be eliminated and the position of Head Librarian will be equivalent to both positions combined.

Motion by Mr. Cephas Bowie, Jr., seconded by Mr. Mark Ball to approve the new organizational chart, pay raises effective May 12, 2025 as discussed, and to appoint Ms. Suzanne Bosarge as Head Librarian for the Grant Parish Library System.

Yeas: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Roy Edwards

Nays: Mr. Mike Merrell

Motion carried.

Board members were asked to approve 8 hours of personal time for the part time employees. Members requested the secretary get a legal opinion regarding personal time as it may be seen as a donation of public funds. Once a legal opinion is received, the matter will be discussed further.

The Head Librarian will compile a detailed list of excess furniture and request the board to declare as surplus for auction along with the old Bookmobile. Once the nearly empty storage building is cleaned out, the Head Librarian will cancel the rental for that one unit.

The board was presented with three new policies at last month's meeting that had recently been created but not officially approved at a board meeting. The Patron Telephone and Cell Phone Policy, Employee Cell Phone Use, Service Animal Policy, and a Weapons Policy will be submitted to legal council for an opinion before approval by the board.

Mr. John. L. Landry, Mayor of Dry Prong, submitted a written request to relinquish all maintenance, supplies, and utilities of the Dry Prong Branch Library. They would keep the ownership of the building. He was not available to discuss the matter so it will be deferred for the time being.

Item #12 is invalid as the position of director has been eliminated.

Board members all thanked everyone for their attendance, patience, and cooperation. They congratulated Ms. Suzanne Bosarge on her appointment and offered support.

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Roy Edwards to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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