

**MINUTES**  
**BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 6:30 P.M.**

SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY – 1901 RUSSELL STREET

Board of Library Trustees:

Chair Abigail Franklin	Winston Burton
Vice Chair Julie Holcomb	Darryl Moore
	Jim Novosel

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

*A copy of the agenda packet and a digital recording of the meeting is accessible at <http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/about/board-library-trustees>*

**A. Call to Order: 6:31 P.M.**

Present: Trustees Burton, Franklin, Holcomb, Moore and Novosel.

Absent: None

Also Present: Jeff Scott, Director of Library Services; Dennis Dang, Administrative and Fiscal Services Manager; Lisa Hesselgesser Librarian Specialist II; Debbie Carton, Librarian Specialist II; Isobel Schneider, Librarian II; Kay Finney, Teen Librarian ;Tom Dufour, Librarian II; James Moore, Supervising Librarian of South Branch, Andrea Mullarkey, Teen Librarian; Eve Franklin, Administrative Secretary.

Kathy Huff and Trish Hawthorne, Berkeley Public Library Foundation.

**B. Public Comments:**

1. LaVerda Allen – Identified herself as a long time Berkeley resident. Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.
2. Council Member Max Anderson – Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.
3. Mansour Id-Deen, Berkeley Branch of the NAACP – Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.
4. Dawn Arens – Identified herself as longtime resident. Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.
5. Richie Smith – Identified herself as longtime resident. Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.
6. David Holler – Identified himself as a neighbor of the South Branch Library. Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman. Provided copy of letter to the Trustees (Attachment 1)
7. Charles Austin – thanks Library and Board of Library Trustees for building South Branch Library. Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.
8. Sean Dugar, NAACP Western Regional Director – Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.
9. Idella Melton – Identified herself as long term resident. Spoke in favor of renaming the South Branch Library in honor of Tarea Hall Pittman.

**C. Report from library employees and unions, discussion of staff issues:**

1. Andrea Mullarkey, SEIU 1021 Shop Steward – Spoke regarding Board of Library Trustees Meeting Start Time, Organizational Chart changes and Central Collection Development changes.

**D. Report from Board of Library Trustees:**

1. Trustee Franklin - spoke regarding the success of the Berkeley Public Library Foundation's Author's Dinner held in February and upcoming AfterWords events.

**II. PRESENTATIONS CALENDAR**

- A. South Branch Update** – James Moore, Supervising Librarian and Debbie Carton, Librarian Specialist II in Art & Music reported on the very successful **Paul Robeson, Renaissance Man** event held at South Branch on February 21. Singer and actor Autris Paige explored the life of Paul Robeson through his words and music. Pianist Loni Williams accompanied Mr. Paige. The event was so popular that staff are working on a “back by popular demand” event for Central Library later this spring.
- B. Strategic Plan Update** – Jeff Scott provided an update (Attachment 2)
- C. Budget Workshop** – Dennis Dang reviewed the FY17/17 budget. The draft budget will be on the April 22 agenda.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

M/S/C Trustee Moore / Trustee Holcomb to adopt Resolution # R15-089 approving the Consent Calendar as presented.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees Franklin, Holcomb, Moore and Novosel. Noes: None. Absent: Trustee Burton. Abstentions: None.

**A. Approve minutes of February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting**

From: Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented.

Financial Implications: None.

Contact: Jeff Scott, Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution # R15-090

**B. Reappoint Trustee Julie Holcomb to Serve a Second Four-Year Term Commencing May 15, 2015**

From: Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the recommendation to City Council to reappoint Trustee Julie Holcomb to serve a second four-year term commencing May 15, 2015.

Financial Implications: None.

Contact: Jeff Scott, Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution # R15-091.

**C. Reappoint Trustee Jim Novosel to Serve a Second Four-Year Term Commencing May 15, 2015**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the recommendation to City Council to reappoint Trustee Jim Novosel to serve a second four-year term commencing May 15, 2015.

Financial Implications: None.

Contact: Jeff Scott, Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution # R15-092.

#### **IV. ACTION CALENDAR REPORTS**

##### **A. Board of Library Trustees Meeting Start Time**

From: Director of Library Services

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving Board of Library Trustees meeting start time of 6:30 PM.

Financial Implications: None.

Contact: Jeff Scott, Director of Library Services

Action: Adopted Resolution # R15-093.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees Burton, Franklin, Holcomb, Moore and Novosel. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Abstentions: None.

#### **V. INFORMATION REPORTS**

##### **A. Request to Rename the South Branch Update**

Error in Report noted. Under "Current Situation And Its Effects" Change revision date of February 12, 2015 to February 12, **2014**.

Charles Austin is gathering more supporting documents. This topic will be on the April 22 meeting agenda.

Trustees requested adding Library Facilities Naming Policy to future agenda for review.

From: Director of Library Services

Contact: Jeff Scott, Library Director

Action: Received.

##### **B. March 2015 Monthly Report from Library Director**

From: Director of Library Services

Contact: Jeff Scott, Library Director

Action: Received.

##### **C. Library Operations Report**

From: Director of Library Services

Contact: Jeff Scott, Library Director

Action: Received.

##### **D. First5 Alameda Community Support Grant Report**

From: Children's and Neighborhood Services Manager

Contact: Sarah Dentan, Children's and Neighborhood Services Manager

Action: Received.

##### **E. Library events**

From: Director of Library Services

Contact: Jeff Scott, Library Director

Action: None.

## VI. AGENDA BUILDING

The next meeting will be a Regular Meeting held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2105 at the South Branch Library, 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley.

Future agenda items:

- Library Facilities Naming Policy
- Request to Rename South Branch Update
- Budget FY16/17 Draft
- Strategic Plan Update Presentation
- Bond Funds Update

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2015 as approved by the Board of Library Trustees

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Jeff Scott, Director of Library Services, acting as secretary to BOLT

**COMMUNICATIONS:** none

### **SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

1. David Holler Letter in support of renaming South Branch after Tarea Pittman Hall
2. Strategic Plan Update