

**Minutes**  
**South Mississippi Regional Board**  
**Special Meeting**  
**August 18, 2023**

The South Mississippi Regional Board had a special meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday August 18, 2023 in the auditorium at the Columbia Marion County Public Library. Present were Mrs. Libby Aaron, Chair, Mrs. Joan Bass, Ms. Carol Durham, Mrs. Sharon Dungan, Mrs. Patricia Norris, Carey Varnado, Board Attorney, Ms. Ryda Worthy, Library Director and Mona Swayze to take minutes of the meeting. Members of the public, state officials and news outlets Mississippi Free Press and the Columbian Progress were, also, in attendance.

Mrs. Aaron opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Heartstopper series. The floor will not be open for public comment.

Mrs. Dungan moved that the series, Heartstopper, be permanently shelved in the adult section of the library in all three locations. Mrs. Norris seconded. The vote was: Mrs. Norris-yay; Ms. Durham-yay; Mrs. Dungan-yay; Mrs. Bass-yay; Mrs. Aaron-yay. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Dungan, then, moved that all books in the teen area in the library be reviewed and that all books with sexually explicit content be moved to the adult section of the library in all three locations. Ms. Durham seconded. The vote was: Mrs. Norris-yay; Ms. Durham-yay; Mrs. Dungan-yay; Mrs. Bass-yay; Mrs. Aaron-yay. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Dungan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Durham seconded. Meeting adjourned.

*Adopted by the SMRL Board of Trustees on September 22, 2023.*