

Minutes

South Mississippi Regional Board

April 9, 2025

The South Mississippi Regional Board met at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the auditorium at the Columbia Marion County Public Library. Present were Mrs. Jinger Cole, Chair, Mrs. Sharon Dungan, Mrs. Patricia Norris, Mrs. Ernestine Bridges, Mrs. Robin Hurst, Ms. Na'Chel Shannon, Library Director, and Summer Slocum to take minutes of the meeting.

Mrs. Cole called the meeting to order with prayer.

Ms. Shannon read the minutes of the January 29, 2025 meeting. Mrs. Norris moved to accept the minutes with one pending edit. Mrs. Dungan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: QuickBooks; Ms. Shannon discussed the standing of our QuickBooks desktop account. The subscription for the account will end in May of 2025. Therefore, the board suggests that we reach out to our public auditor to set up an appointment to switch to Quick Books Online.

New Business: Strategic Plan for the next 5 years; Ms. Shannon pointed out that our strategic plan has not been updated since 2019-2023. Mrs. Cole moved to allow Ms. Shannon to present an updated strategic plan. Mrs. Norris seconded. Ms. Shannon and the board members will edit the previous strategic plan with changed that they think are necessary, it will be prepared by the next board meeting.

New Business: Children Librarian Position; Ms. Shannon discussed that SMRL does not need an official Children's Librarian to operate and conduct programs. However, after discussing this topic, the position will be open to any in-house employee that would like and fits the qualifications for this position. There is also a part-time Circulation Clerk position advertised at the Winn Job Center with the salary of \$9.50 an hour.

New Business: IMLS Funding Cuts; Ms. Shannon discussed that one of the SMRL funders were cut and how this will impact the library system.

New Business: Director Evaluation; Mrs. Hurst motioned to consider going into executive session. Mrs. Dungan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended and there are no notes to added.

The board of trustees will meet again in 2 weeks on April 23, 2025 at 11:00a.m. This is a special call, Trustees only, meeting to further discuss the Director Evaluation.

Mrs. Dungan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hurst seconded. Meeting adjourned.