



Mesa County Libraries  
**BOARD**  
 OF **TRUSTEES**  
 • BOARD MEETING •

## Board Work Session MINUTES

Date and Time: Thursday, September 6, 2018 – 10:55 a.m.

Location: Central Library, 443 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Grand Junction, CO – Monument Community Room

No.	Item Type	Agenda Item
1	Opening	Call to Order and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board President Tashiro called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.</li> <li>• BOARD PRESENT: Elaine Barnett, Barry Blanchard, Cindy Cyphers, Dean DiDario, Chris Mahre, Laurie Tashiro, Jean Yale</li> <li>• STAFF PRESENT: Stacey Smith</li> </ul> Review of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The agenda was accepted as presented. This board work session was convened to conduct in-person interviews of three finalists for the open position of MCL Library Director.</li> </ul>
2	Discussion	Interview Finalist Applicant for MCL Library Director: Royce Kitts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Royce Kitts of Liberal, Kansas, arrived and introduced himself to board trustees.</li> <li>• Each board trustee asked Kitts one or more questions. Questions asked included topics such as upcoming capital campaign support, community assessment, professional attributes and development, work history, budgeting and accounting, staff morale, controversial content and issues, MCL improvements, circulation trends, and interactions with the board.</li> <li>• The board then thanked Kitts, who left the meeting to attend library department tours, visits with directors, and manager interviews.</li> <li>• Trustees briefly discussed Kitts' interview responses.</li> <li>• Tashiro announced a meeting recess for lunch at 12:20 p.m.</li> </ul>
3	Discussion	Interview Finalist Applicant for MCL Library Director: Peter Genovese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board reconvened their meeting at 1 p.m.</li> <li>• Peter Genovese of Rochester, New York, arrived and introduced himself to board trustees.</li> <li>• Each trustee asked Genovese one or more questions covering the same topics that were addressed with Kitts.</li> <li>• The board then thanked Genovese, who left the meeting to attend library department tours and visits with directors.</li> <li>• The board briefly discussed Genovese's interview responses.</li> </ul>
4	Discussion	Interview Finalist Applicant for MCL Library Director: Laurel Prysiazny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laurel Prysiazny of Fresno, California, arrived and introduced herself to board trustees.</li> <li>• Each trustee asked Prysiazny one or more questions covering the same topics that were addressed with the other two finalists.</li> <li>• The board then thanked Prysiazny, who left the meeting to attend one remaining library department tour.</li> <li>• The board briefly discussed Prysiazny's interview responses.</li> </ul>
5	Closing	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.</li> <li>• Following the board meeting, a public reception for library director finalists was held from 4:30 to 6 p.m.; all trustees attended the reception. Finalists gave short public addresses during the reception and mingled with board trustees, library staff, and other community stakeholders.</li> </ul>

Minutes submitted by Stacey Smith, MCPLD Executive Assistant.