

DETROIT LIBRARY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting

June 2, 2009

President Hill called the Special Commission Meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

Present: President Hill, Commissioners Bellant, Keith, Kinloch, Thomas and Washington; Ex-Officio Dr. Scott was present via speaker phone

Andrew Richner, legal counsel from Clark Hill joined the meeting during the Closed Session and remained for the reconvened public meeting

Administrative Staff: Skowronski, Cromer, Machie, Moore, Norfolk

Present also: Sandra Baines, Vickie Baker, Sheryl Beck, Ronald Brooks, Margaret Bruni, Randy Call, Minnie Calvin, Shauwn Calvin, Kenneth Cannon, Annie Carter, Lurine Carter, Enid Clark, Jesse Cleary, Glenda Cornelious, Deborah Dorsey, Julie Fornell, A.J. Funchess, Doris Haskins, James Hoogstra, Kenya Howard, Victor Ibegbu, Kathryn Johnson, Elizabeth Machie, Isabel Machie, Bill Martin, Nicole Martin, Carolyn Burgess-McCormick, Trinee Moore, Rose Moses, Carolyn Mosley, Maria Norfolk, Uzo Onyemaechi, Rose Patterson, Christine Peele, Denise Perry, Pat Petrone, Yvette Rice, Jeffery Senior, Alma Simmons, Cully Sommers, Suzanne Stocking, Viola Taylor, Virgil Thomas, Yvonne Thurmond, Michael Wells, Mattie Wiggins, April Williams, Dorothy Jean Williams, Ken Wyatt, and Tracey Wyatt

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR REMARKS

Todd Kelly, President, AFSCME Local 1259, let it be known that the Commission should uphold their decision on the appointment of a new director as it was voted on at the Special meeting of May 22, 2009. He asked the Commission to be of great character and respect the democratic process.

President Hill reported that she had received a request from Christine Boulware to meet in a closed session to discuss a complaint against the Boulware Group relating to its involvement in the selection of a new director. A motion was requested to go into a closed session for this purpose.

Commission Action

Commissioner Kinloch made a motion to go into closed session at the end of the meeting because Ms. Boulware was there to provide clarification on the director's search and also due to the large number of people attending the meeting. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Discussion

Commissioner Bellant thought it was germane to the integrity of the process. Commissioner Kinloch had called for this special meeting and felt any discussion should be done in public. Commissioner Washington said if the information we needed to have was a personnel matter, it should be done in a closed session now.

Commission Action Continued

The vote to go into closed session at the end of the meeting was taken with the following results: Thomas, Keith, and Kinloch voted yes; Scott, Bellant, Washington, and Hill voted no. The motion failed.

Ex-Officio Scott motioned to go into closed session immediately for the purpose of discussing the complaint against The Boulware Group. Commissioner Washington seconded.

Discussion

Commissioner Bellant asked if information expected to receive were complaints or of negative character. Commissioner Kinloch supported peoples right to privacy.

Commission Action

The vote to go into closed session immediately was taken with the following results: Bellant, Hill, Keith, Kinloch, Scott, Thomas and Washington voted yes. The motion carried.

Staff and members of the public were excused. The closed session began at 4:35 p.m.

Following the closed session, the Special Meeting resumed at 5:28 p.m. with the return of staff and members of the public.

President Hill stated that Ms. Boulware, regarding the director's search process, provided clarification. Commissioner Keith was satisfied with explanations and the matter was cleared. He withdrew previous statements concerning the prospect of false information having been received by the Commission from The Boulware Group. Commissioner Washington noted that people's statements should be made carefully regarding reputations; respect is important.

A motion was made to adjourn; a vote was taken with the following results: Bellant, Hill, Scott, and Washington voted yes; Kieth, Kinloch, and Thomas voted no.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.