



# Richmond Public Library Board

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## Library Board Special Meeting Minutes June 17, 2020

**PRESENT:** Chair William Yates, Vice Chair David Lydiard, Emily Altman, Barbara Burton, Christine Peterson, Daisy Weaver, Janet Woody

**STAFF:** Scott Firestine, Clay Dishon, City Attorney Laura Drewry, Gianna Pack

**ABSENT:** Tanya Francis

A Special Meeting of the Richmond Public Library (RPL) Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) was called to order by Vice Chair David Lydiard at 11:33 a.m. This meeting was held as an electronic meeting pursuant to and in compliance with the City of Richmond Ordinance #2020-093. The public participated by using Richmond Public Library YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/2VfKL9U>, where it was Live Streamed.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss recommendations of new potential candidates to serve on the LBOT to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee who will meet on June 25, 2020. A quorum was established.

<b>Agenda</b>	<p>Approve the June 17, 2020 Agenda as submitted with amendment to add June 19, as a holiday observing Juneteenth by roll call vote:</p> <p>Chair William Yates – AYE Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE Barbara Burton – AYE Emily Altman – AYE</p> <p>Christine Peterson – AYE Daisy Weaver – AYE Janet Woody – AYE</p> <p><b>AYES: <u>7</u>    NOES: <u>0</u>    ABSTAIN: <u>0</u>    <i>Approved Unanimously.</i></b></p>
<b>Chair Comments</b>	<p>After Mr. Yates announced the purpose of the meeting, he turned the meeting over to Vice Chair/Chair of the Governance Committee David Lydiard.</p>
<b>Governance</b>	<p>Mr. Lydiard brought forth the recommendations for one vacancy that was voted on and approved by the LBOT at the February 26 Meeting. He also brought forth three recommendations to fill the expired terms of Daisy Weaver, Tanya Francis, and himself.</p> <p>After the discussion, there was a motion by Ms. Weaver and second by Mr. Yates to approve Mr. Lydiard’s recommendations of Mr. Brent Graves (voted at the February 26 LBOT Regular Meeting), Ms. Sheron Carter-Gunter, Mr. Garrett Sawyer, and Ms. Gail Zwirner (former LBOT member) to move forward to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee for consideration at the June 25 meeting.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Chair William Yates – AYE Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE Barbara Burton – AYE Emily Altman – AYE</p> <p>Christine Peterson – AYE Daisy Weaver – AYE Janet Woody – AYE</p> <p><b>AYES: <u>7</u>    NOES: <u>0</u>    ABSTAIN: <u>0</u>    <i>Approved Unanimously.</i></b></p>

<p><b>Governance (Continued)</b></p>	<p>Mr. Lydiard brought forth the reappointments of second term existing LBOT members Mr. Yates and Ms. Burton in support and endorsement of these members to City Council. Ms. Weaver made a motion and Ms. Altman made a second to endorse continuation of Mr. Yates and Ms. Burton to serve a second 4-year term on the LBOT.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Chair William Yates – AYE</td> <td>Christine Peterson – AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE</td> <td>Daisy Weaver – AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbara Burton – AYE</td> <td>Janet Woody – AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emily Altman – AYE</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>AYES: <u>7</u>      NOES: <u>0</u>      ABSTAIN: <u>0</u>      Approved Unanimously.</i></p>	Chair William Yates – AYE	Christine Peterson – AYE	Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE	Daisy Weaver – AYE	Barbara Burton – AYE	Janet Woody – AYE	Emily Altman – AYE	
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<p><b>Administration Scott Firestine</b></p>	<p>Mr. Firestine announced Mayor Levar Stoney declared Friday, June 19, 2020, as Juneteenth holiday for the City. Juneteenth began as a celebration of enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, in 1865 upon learning of the federal order for their freedom, which was actually issued over two years prior when President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This year marks 155 years since the origination of Juneteenth.</p> <p>On June 16, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared the day a state holiday. The mayor urged all City employees to use this day as an opportunity for reflection, service, and healing.</p> <p>Ms. Peterson motioned and Ms. Burton second that the LBOT agree and approve to close Richmond Public Libraries on Friday, June 19 in accordance with the Mayor’s announcement.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Chair William Yates – AYE</td> <td>Christine Peterson – AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE</td> <td>Daisy Weaver – AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbara Burton – AYE</td> <td>Janet Woody – AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emily Altman – AYE</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>AYES: <u>7</u>      NOES: <u>0</u>      ABSTAIN: <u>0</u>      Approved Unanimously.</i></p>	Chair William Yates – AYE	Christine Peterson – AYE	Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE	Daisy Weaver – AYE	Barbara Burton – AYE	Janet Woody – AYE	Emily Altman – AYE	
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Mr. Yates expressed his gratitude to both Mr. Lydiard and Ms. Weaver for their service to the LBOT and invited them both back to the first in-person regular meeting where the Board can celebrate with them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m. by unanimous consensus from the members that were present in the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 by Electronic Meeting.

Approved:   
Mr. William Yates, Chair

Recorder: Gianna Pack  
Executive Assistant