

Minutes

South Mississippi Regional Board

March 20, 2024

The South Mississippi Regional Board had a special meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday March 20, 2024 in the auditorium at the Columbia Marion County Public Library. Present were Mrs. Joan Bass, Chair, Mrs. Jinger Cole, Mrs. Sharon Dungan, Mrs. Patricia Norris, Mrs. Ernestine Bridges, Mrs. Gail Bracey, Interim Library Director and Mona Swayze to take minutes of the meeting.

Mrs. Bass called the meeting to order with prayer.

Reading of the minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting, the special meeting January 24, 2024 and special meeting February 21, 2024 was waived by Mrs. Norris. Mrs. Norris moved to accept the minutes of meetings presented. Mrs. Dungan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Mrs. Bracey informed the Board that the front door at the Columbia Marion County Public Library has been replaced. She, also, informed the Board that the elevator in the Columbia Library needs repair work per the elevator maintenance man. Since the Marion County Board of Supervisors own this building the quote for the work will be presented to them for approval and payment.

Old Business: The director vacancy was discussed. Mrs. Bass has talked to our library consultant Shellie Zeigler about what should be done. Ms. Zeigler suggests concentrating on the person who will be the best director for the system, not on skills that can be taught. The Board will contact references of the two candidates and will talk by text to set up the next meeting.

The bookkeeper was discussed next. The Board will let the 30-day probation expire tomorrow. They want her to continue to train another staff member on her job.

Finally, the Jefferson Davis County Library Supervisor vacancy was discussed. Mrs. Bracey will interview Ms. Shirley Echols and Mrs. Alison Smith for the vacancy.

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

Approved by the SMRL Board on June 12, 2024.