

NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY DISTRICT, A PUBLIC CORPORATION
February 15, 2024 Minutes

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF SHELBY

The Board of Trustees of the North Shelby Library District, a public corporation, at the library February 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Having confirmed that notice for the meeting was posted in advance at North Shelby Library 5521 Cahaba Valley Rd., Birmingham, AL and that a quorum of three Trustees was present, the meeting was called to order by Kay Kelley.

PRESENT
Morgan Barnes
Kay Kelley
Ann Price
Beth Ronilo
Tim Ryan

Kate Etheredge, Director of Library Services

Guests: see attached

BUSINESS CONDUCTED

MOTION: Ann Price -Accept agenda

SECOND: Kay Kelley

VOTE ON MOTION: Unanimous

MOTION: -Beth Ronilo Approve minutes

SECOND: Ann Price

VOTE ON MOTION: Unanimous

MOTION: Kay Kelley- approve financial review for '22-'23

SECOND: Morgan Barnes

VOTE ON MOTION: unanimous

Next Meeting: April 11, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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READ AND APPROVED:




Morgan Barnes



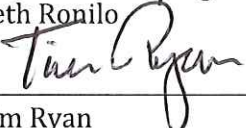
Kay Kelley



Ann Price



Beth Ronilo



Tim Ryan

GUESTS ATTENDING

Name	Name
Janice Dricker	Cheryl Holt
Sarah Lumpkin	Alison Wilber
VIRGINIA RANDOLPH	Chuck Holt
Tom Bailey	Jessica Naccari
Courtney Ealy	Laraina "Shelley" Meacham
Ben Whitaker	Barbara Andersen
Meredith Ryan	Paula Crossland
Mary Adams	Mork Bostin
T. Majors	JASON ROBIEUS
Linda Barnard	Jane Miller
Susan Garis	Charlotte Meadows
Paul GARRIS	Cindy Warriner
Laura Pottain	Chie Adams
Beverly Michael	LISA Garif
Della Pender	Babs Buchanan
Bobbie Preedon	Beth W. O'Neal
Cheryl Landreth	Allan O'Neal
Susan Spauld	Phaedra Galloway
Bud Ussery	Phyllis Wilcox
Andy Martin	Sienna Anderson
Carlton Tinker	
GREG NICHOLS	

GUESTS ATTENDING

Name	Name
CHAUDÉ LAWSON	
Mark Pervain	
Mark Linn	

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2/16/24

We are having this conversation because some members of our community have fallen for the culture wars being waged in our state.

A culture war is waged in order to drive a wedge into a community. A culture war fails to address real issues such as health and safety and education. A culture war is a type of conflict when a group attempts to impose their own ideology, their beliefs, their virtues, and their practices upon their society.

The books being questioned express feelings, experiences and political views that the prevailing culture prefers to pretend do not exist.

But they do exist, and not just somewhere out there. If you zoom in on Shelby County, you'll find blue houses around you. You'll see a blue voter in a red house. You'll see a Muslim household in a Christian neighborhood. You'll see a gay child in a family that believes homosexuality is a sin ... and a choice.

Kids and adults have thoughts and feelings and experiences that are not polite to talk about, but they should be able to read about them.

The freedom to read is the closest thing we have to freedom to think. It doesn't matter how lopsided the numbers are — whether it's 4 to 1 or 400 to 1 —

the majority has no right to take that freedom away.

Every person should have the right to learn and grow and think.

That's a promise we must try to honor, even if, as parents, we worry our that children might think differently from us.

Babs Buchanan
2.15.2024