



**Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Main Library, Dickson Boardroom**

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Charles Bowman, Chair
Molly Griffin, Vice Chair (via telephone)
Reneé Casali (via telephone)
Gloria Kelley
Leland Park
Sally Robinson
Bob Sink (via telephone)
Ed Williams

STAFF PRESENT

Vick Phillips
Karen Beach
Frank Blair
Angela Haigler
Chuck Mallas
David Singleton
Linda Vitlar

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Stephens, Hamilton, Stephens, Steele & Martin PLLC
Rick Ricker, Deputy Director of Human Resources
Chris Peek, Director of Human Resources, Mecklenburg County
Shelley Book, Senior Recruiter, Mecklenburg County HR

TRUSTEES ABSENT (With Cause)

Robin Branstrom
Joan Martin
Darrel Williams

MINUTES

Chair Charles Bowman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed Trustees Casali, Griffin and Sink who joined the meeting by telephone conference. He then asked the Board of Trustees to approve an absence with cause due to a calendar conflict for Trustees Branstrom & Martin. On a motion by Sally Robinson, seconded by Leland Park, the Trustees unanimously approved an absence with cause from the Board meeting for Trustees Branstrom & Martin.

Mr. Bowman asked the Trustees for a motion to enter into closed session. On a motion by Ed Williams, seconded by Sally Robinson, the Trustees unanimously approved to move into Closed Session - Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, Section 143-318.11(a) (6) for Board to consider a personnel matter. The Board moved into closed session at 10:10 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session. Mr. Bowman announced the Search Committee's unanimous recommendation that Lenoir C. "Lee" Keesler be retained as Chief Executive Officer effective July 1, 2012. Mr. Williams, who chaired the search committee, then reported on the Search Committees' recommendation and provided some background on Mr. Keesler. There was discussion on the need to enter into a consulting agreement to cover any work Mr. Keesler is asked to do on behalf of the Library prior to June 30, 2012. Thereafter, on a motion by Ed Williams, seconded by Sally Robinson, the Board unanimously approved hiring Mr. Keesler and authorized the Chair to enter into an employment agreement and a consulting agreement with him. Mr. Keesler then joined the meeting and accepted the Library's offer. He expressed his appreciation, and noted that it is an honor to be selected for this position and said that he looked forward to working with the Board and Library staff.

Mr. Sink left the telephone conference.

There being no further business, Mr. Bowman asked the Trustees for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Ed Williams, seconded by Leland Park, the Trustees unanimously approved adjournment at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vick Phillips
Secretary