

**Los Alamos County
Library Board
Draft Minutes
August 2, 2021**

Due to COVID-19 concerns the meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom

Members Present

John Nash
Kelly Dolejsi
Rebecca Rodriguez
Riz Ali
Rena Mitchell

Not Present

David Reagor, Council Liaison

Others Present

Eileen Sullivan, Library Manager
JohNeva Martinez, Library Board Admin

1. Call to Order

Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

2. Public comment/correspondence (for items not on the agenda)

N/A

3. Board Business

A. Review and approval of the July 12, 2021 Library Board Minutes:

Motion: Board member Dolejsi, moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Library Board meeting. Board member Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor (5/5).

B. Process for public comment - discussion and possible action.

Chair Nash discussed the process for public comments during the Library Board Meetings. The Library Board decided that public comments would be heard at the beginning of the meeting after the call to order and at the end of the meeting before adjourning. Public comments will not be heard after each agenda item during the meeting.

Motion: Chair Nash, moved to accept the process of hearing public comments at the beginning of the meeting after the call to order and at the end of the meeting before

adjourning. Public comments will not be heard after each agenda item. Board member Ali seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor (5/5).

4. Chair and Board member reports

A. Chair's Report:

Chair Nash reported that there will be two vacancies for Library Board. He thanked the current members for their service.

B. Board, Commission and Committee Luncheon Report:

Nothing to report.

C. Friends of Los Alamos County Library Liaison report:

Nothing to report.

5. Board/Staff Communications:

A. Mangers Report:

Manager Sullivan shared some public written comments that were left at the libraries. Here are a few of those comments. Patron would like to see the daily check out limit for Hoopla increased since it tends to max out by early morning. Manager Sullivan noted that the daily check out limit is directly related to budget allocations. There is a daily monetary cap for Hoopla downloads. The library is exploring ways to t to increase Hoopla capacity. Patron commended the Youth Services Staff on the summer adventure readings and the STEAM programs. Patron reported that the internet kept kicking them off while working in a study room. Manager Sullivan noted that county's wireless network is set to time out after a certain period. Manager Sullivan reported that she has received several board applications as there will be two vacancies at the end of the month. She hopes to schedule interviews sometime this month and will check with the current members to see if they would be willing to stay on the board until the vacancies are filled. The library created an internal committee that is looking into accessibility issues. They are putting together a presentation for the NMLA conference. They will also be conducting training for library staff. Manager Sullivan has asked the chair of that committee to present their presentation to the Library Board next month. Staff continue to offer virtual programming for some events. The Summer Reading program is still very active, hybrid programs continue, along with outdoor story times and STEAM programs. Along with Science Fest the library presented programs on climate change, author Laura Paskus presented on her book titled "At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate" the library also had a hands-on conversation about planting climate adapted trees. YS hosted an outdoor concert. The Del Sol String Quartet performed original pieces that were commissioned by different composers on theme of joy. Physical materials circulation went up from 16,883 in May to 23,375 while digital circulations dropped from 7,732 to 6,365. Due in part to more in person hours.

6. Q & A with Council Liaison

Nothing to report.

7. Informational items (time and date of next meeting)

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm