

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
BUENA PARK LIBRARY DISTRICT
October 20, 2021

Pursuant to Resolution 2021-4 Authorizing Electronic Meetings of the Library Board of Trustees During a State Emergency, adopted on September 24, 2021, this meeting was held electronically.

CALL TO ORDER: President Rams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Pro Tem Ganer led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Irene Castaneda, Pat Ganer, Richard Rams, Carole Jensen.
Trustee Salehi was absent.

Staff Present: Library Director Mary McCasland, Library Services Supervisor Helen Medina, Technology and Support Services Supervisor Ann Duarte, Business Officer Marina Tutty, Library Assistant Chelenne Slaven and Administrative Assistant Patty Salas.

Others Present: Mr. Daniel Phillips, National Demographics Corporation (NDC) and Mr. William Tunick, Dannis Woliver Kelley

I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a) From Public Concerning Non-agenda items

There were no public comments regarding non-agenda items.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Presentation of Draft Trustee Area Maps and Input on Draft Maps for a Trustee Area-Based Election System

Mr. Daniel Phillips from National Demographic Corporation was present and provided a brief summary of what has occurred at previous Public Hearings. He reminded those present about the rules and goals of drawing new District maps. Mr. Phillips presented and described the three draft maps that had initially been presented at the October 7 Public Hearing.

Trustee Jensen asked if the general public was still allowed to provide input on the maps. The Library District's Attorney, Mr. Tunick, replied there is still time for the public to provide input but it is the Board's discretion whether to act upon any suggestions.

Trustee Ganer asked if all three maps would meet the requirements of the Federal government when it comes to redistricting. Mr. Tunick stated that each of the three maps meet the population requirements and have appropriate population distributions in each division, and include both a majority Latino division and majority Asian division. Mr. Phillips stated the Green map had a population deviation of 6%, the Orange map had 8.5% population deviation and under the purple plan had 6.5% population deviation between its divisions.

One question was asked whether the Divisions (or Districts) were drawn based off of where the current Trustees lived. Mr. Tunick stated they were not drawn based off of Trustees' addresses,

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however, it is also a goal to keep the elected officials in their seats as they were elected by the public.

Mr. Tunick asked if there were any revisions or alterations the Board would like made on any of the maps now would be a good time to make those requests. Or if the Board could narrow it down to one or two maps to focus on that would be helpful for the next Public Hearing.

After additional discussion, there were no modifications requested to the draft maps and it was determined that the Board would continue to review all three at the next hearing.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Reconsider circumstances of emergency order and determine if Buena Park Library District Resolution 2021-4 will be renewed for an additional 30 days

MOTION by Trustee Jensen to renew Resolution 2021-4.
SECOND by Trustee Castaneda.

Trustee Ganer spoke in opposition to the motion. She stated, initially, there was a need to meet virtually but the Library is now open for business, with certain restrictions, and it speaks better if the Board resumed normal functioning. She said we are no longer in the same kind of emergency situation and Library staff is back in the building with patrons.

Trustee Jensen spoke in favor of renewing the Resolution for another 30 days. She expressed concerns about being in enclosed spaces with others.

Trustee Castaneda stated a different Board she is a member of had just recently returned to in-person meetings. She was ok with either option to renew the resolution or returning to in-person meetings.

President Rams stated precautionary measures available to everyone at the moment (masking and vaccination) would allow the Board to meet and not pose an imminent threat to each other. He agreed with Trustee Ganer that choosing to continue to meet virtually would send the wrong message to the public and Library staff.

AYES: Trustee Castaneda, Trustee Jensen
NOES: Trustee Ganer, Trustee Rams
ABSENT: Trustee Salehi.

MOTION failed.

Resolution 2021-4 was not renewed, therefore the Board would resume in-person meetings on November 2, 2021. President Rams stated any Board member who would like to request accommodations for social distancing in the Board room could speak with the Library Director directly.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Ganer to adjourn the meeting.
SECOND by Trustee Castaneda.

AYES: Trustee Castaneda, Trustee Ganer, Trustee Rams, Trustee Jensen.
ABSENT: Trustee Salehi.

Motion approved. The meeting stood adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Castaneda
Secretary