

DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
September 5, 2024
Virtual - Zoom

President Nolan called the special meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

This meeting was held and was noticed in compliance with both Colorado Open Meeting Law and the Douglas County Libraries Bylaws.

The following were present:

TRUSTEES: Suzanne Burkholder, Jessica Kallweit, Rick LaPointe, Zach McKinney, Terry Nolan, Meghann Silverthorn, and Ted Vail

All trustees were present. A quorum was present.

STAFF: Bob Pasicznyuk and Patti Owen-DeLay

PUBLIC: None

LIBRARY BUSINESS

No trustee declared any conflict of interest for any business before the Board during this meeting.

This meeting was called to amend Motion 24-08-08 authorizing Board President Nolan to speak before the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their September 10, 2024, meeting stating that based on Colorado Library Law and Douglas County Libraries Bylaws the Board sees no cause for removal of Silverthorn in her duties to the Library, to include a written Board letter. Board discussion centered around the belief that this was one item on the BOCC consent agenda for the September 10, 2024 meeting.

Silverthorn shared she believes that this is related to a political matter with a side joint fundraising committee of the County Republican party. Silverthorn recommends that a public statement or a Board letter be read out loud, or that public comment be given at the September 10, 2024, BOCC meeting versus just sending the letter to the BOCC. Silverthorn is meeting with Commissioner Laydon tomorrow and will inform the Board of where the situation stands after that conversation.

The letter as presented in the packet stands with no changes.

MOTION 24-09-01SP: Nolan moved and the motion carried unanimously, with Silverthorn abstaining, to modify Motion 24-08-08 to deliver the letter to the BOCC tomorrow afternoon, and to direct a Board representative to read the presented letter on behalf of the Board at the September 10, 2024, meeting, with said letter stating that based on Colorado Library Law and Douglas County Libraries Bylaws the Board sees no cause for removal of Silverthorn in her duties to the Library. This motion applies only if this remains on the BOCC's Tuesday business meeting agenda after Silverthorn's

Friday, September 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m. conversation with Commissioner Laydon.
Burkholder seconded the motion.

Kallweit will read the letter on behalf of the Board.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- **New Date & Location - Board Executive Committee:** September 19, 2024, Virtual, 8:00 a.m.
- **Board Study Session:** September 25, 2024, Philip & Jerry Miller Library at Castle Rock, 4:00 p.m.
- **Board Business Meeting:** September 25, 2024, Philip & Jerry Miller Library at Castle Rock, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner at 5:00 p.m.)

OTHER MEETINGS

- **Partnership of Douglas County Governments:** September 18, 2024, Location to Be Announced, 7:00 a.m. breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m. meeting.
- **Douglas County Libraries Foundation Annual Gala:** September 27, 2024, Highlands Ranch Mansion, Highlands Ranch, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Nolan adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Burkholder, Board Secretary
Minutes prepared by Patti Owen-DeLay
Approved MOTION: 24-09-01, Date 09/25/2024