

The Special Meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Friday, March 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm with following:

PRESENT: Bennie Smith  
Courtney Hubbell  
Fran Middleton  
Teddy Collins, Jr  
Ruby LeBlanc (entered at 1:02)

ABSENT: Lauren Bordelon  
Tonya Hearn  
Archie Chaisson, Library Liaison

Also present: Mrs. Laura Sanders, Library Director; Mrs. Sherry Lucas, Finance/HR/Operations Manager, Shannon Porche; Assistance Director, and Mrs. Dana Clement, Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Smith stated after roll call, "We have a quorum and can move forward with our meeting."

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited together.

A motion to accept the LBC agenda was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, and carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion and approval of the 2025 Millage Letter; Mrs. Sanders explained, "Ad valorem revenues are lower than we were told to expect a year ago. Collections for the 2024 tax roll were sluggish, and there was a higher than usual uncollectible amount. I suggest we maintain the current millage rates for 2025, as these funds are necessary to run the Library's daily operations." A motion was made by Mrs. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Collins, to send a letter to the Parish with a request to maintain the current millage rates for 2025." A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell yes, Mrs. Bordelon absent, Mrs. Hearn absent, Mrs. LeBlanc yes, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mr. Collins yes. The motion carried 5-0-2.

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 1:06pm.