



# Sacramento Public Library Authority

## ACTION SUMMARY

### SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD

**Wednesday, January 23, 2014 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street**  
**Sacramento, California**

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#### **1.0 Call to Order**

In attendance: Angelique Ashby, Steve Cohn, Roberta MacGlashan, Kevin McCarty, Don Nottoli, Bonnie Pannell, Barbara Payne, Susan Peters, David Sander, Jay Schenirer, Jeff Slowey, Robert Trigg and Jimmie Yee. Gary Davis and Phil Serna were unable to attend the meeting.

Board Vice Chair Ashby declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Director Susan Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2.0 Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda**

North Natomas Charter School student Azami Abe, who has lived in Natomas for three years and is a patron of the North Natomas Library, asked that the Board consider changing the rule that limits library users to three renewals. Azami, who is 10 years old, suggested allowing patrons to continue to use books and materials if they are not on hold for another customer who is waiting to check them out.

Vice Chair Ashby praised Azami for coming forward and said she hoped that Azami would run for City Council when she is eligible in 8 years.

Azami's mother, Donyale Abe, also spoke, telling the Board that a librarian had informed her that a note had been placed in Abe's file stating that she knows the rules. As a result of the situation she said she did not feel that the Library was supporting her or her children. She asked that the library staff work harder to meet the needs of customers in 2014.

Library Director Rivkah K. Sass thanked mother and daughter for coming forward, promising that she would check into the issue about a note being placed in Abe's file.

Ashby promised to follow up on the matter personally since the North Natomas Library falls within the boundaries of her City Council district, saying that the Board would definitely make sure that the issue is resolved.

Director Peters said she was concerned about the placement of a note in Abe's file and requested a report from the Library. Sass promised to investigate further and report back to Peters.

### **3.0 Presentation**

Vice Chair Ashby switched the order of Items 3.0 and 4.0 in order to welcome Assemblyman Richard Pan to declare February 2014 as "Love Your Library Month." Pan recalled that the library was very important to him as a youngster and was instrumental in his decision to become a physician. He said the library is not just a place with books, but an important meeting place for the community, a place where people can find answers to the many questions life poses. Pan called the Friends of the Library very important in the Sacramento Public Library's commitment to self-improvement, encouraging everyone to visit their library and become a member of the Friends of the Library.

Pan then presented resolutions to both the Library and Friends of the Library on behalf of the California Assembly, designating February 2014 as "Love Your Library Month." In accepting the resolution, Robert Gorham of the Friends of the Library announced that the Friends would present a check for \$50,000 to the Library at the forthcoming Friends meeting on Jan. 26.

### **4.0 Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:17 p.m.

Vice Chair Ashby reconvened the Board with a quorum in open session at 3:36 p.m. An after-closed session roll call was taken with all of the aforementioned in attendance.

In her report from the Closed Session, Library Counsel Sheri M. Chapman said the Authority Board unanimously voted to accept an offer from Computer Associates in the amount of \$2,728.52 to settle claims against the company for alleged overbilling.

### **5.0 Director's Report**

After referring the Board to her written report, Library Director Rivkah K. Sass made note of the fact that Comstock's magazine published a detailed profile of Sacramento Public Library for the third consecutive year. She said the article gives community members an opportunity to learn about the Library and all the important things that are being done there.

Ms. Sass also spoke about the party held Jan. 4 to celebrate the North Natomas Library's fourth birthday. She said more than 500 people attended the party, which featured carnival games, face-painting, food trucks and a free new book for every child who participated. She praised the Friends of the Library for making it all possible and said next year's fifth birthday party promises to be even better.

In addition, Ms. Sass called attention to the section of her report that mentions Kenneth Baker, a man who was so excited about receiving help from the Library in getting his GED that he stopped by the director's office to personally thank her for the volunteers and staff that made that happen.

### **Information**

**6.0** 2014 City of Sacramento Ballot Measure

**7.0** Monthly Financial Report– October 2013

**8.0** Monthly Treasurer's Report – October 2013

The foregoing items were presented for information purposes only, and required no action by the Board.

Ms. Sass directed the Board's attention to Item 6.0, which contains a summary of the parcel tax measure that will appear on the June 2014 ballot. She noted that the City Council on Jan. 14 voted unanimously to move the item forward. There were no questions from the Board.

**Consent Items**

- 9.0 Action Summary – Dec. 11, 2013
- 10.0 Internet Service Provider – Option to Renew
- 11.0 Gifts and Donations Report-Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013, and Budget Amendment for FY 2013-14
- 12.0 Contract Renewal: Acquisition of Library Books and Related Services

There was no discussion on the Consent Calendar.

**Board Action:**

**Approved (13/0)**

**Action**

- 13.0 **Suspend Competitive Bidding and Issue RFP for Online Tutoring Services and Magazine and Periodical Subscription Databases (2/3 vote)**

Library Director Sass explained that the Library proposed the suspension of competitive bidding in favor of Requests for Proposals in an effort to obtain more detailed bids that describe how a particular vendor will help with a service. There was no discussion by the Board.

**Board Action:**

**Approved (13/0)**

- 14.0 **Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair 2014**

Ms. Sass reviewed the election process, noting that in 2011, the Library Board established a rotation in which Authority Board members from Sacramento County, the City of Sacramento and the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Galt and Isleton each took a turn at the positions of Board Chair and Vice Chair. According to this rotation, Director Jeff Slowey would be in line for Vice Chair this year. Ashby would take over as chair following her 2013 year as Vice Chair. Director Peters moved to nominate Ashby for Chair and Director MacGlashan moved to nominate Slowey for Vice Chair. The motions unanimously carried.

- 15.0 **Appointment of Budget-Audit Committee for FY 2014-15**

Ashby asked if this appointment needed to be made immediately and Ms. Sass said that it did in light of the upcoming Budget-Audit Committee meeting to discuss the Mid-Year Budget Update for FY 2013-14 that will appear on the Feb. 27, 2014, agenda. Directors MacGlashan, Schenirer and Slowey were nominated and unanimously elected to serve on the committee.

- 16.0 **Chair's Report**

Newly elected Board Chair Ashby said she was honored to serve and encouraged the Board to work hard during the first six months of 2014 and spend the last six months celebrating Sacramento's commitment to literacy. She said Serna would be thanked for his service as 2013 at a later date.

- 17.0 **Reports, Ideas and Questions from Board Members**

Director Slowey pointed out that the governor's annual budget contains \$3.3 million that is dedicated to Internet services for libraries. He suggested that the Board keep an eye on this issue and lobby legislators if need be. Ms. Sass said the Library would report back.

**18.0 Adjournment**

This meeting of the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rivkah K. Sass  
Secretary to the Board

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