

**ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL**

**June 12, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Alex P. Allain Memorial Library, Franklin, LA**

Mary Bailey called the meeting order at 5:00 P.M.

In attendance were Mary Bailey, Carla Davis, Cherie Laiche, Karla Vappie, Jason Watson, Don T. Caffery, Lucy Watson, Julie Culler, and Ashton Myers. The guest in attendance was Clarence Vappie, Mayor of the Town of Baldwin.

A motion was made by Carla Davis and seconded by Karla Vappie to expand the agenda to include presenting the compensation package to Ashton Myers, Incoming Director.

Julie Culler and Ashton Myers updated the Board on the state of the Baldwin closure. Ritter Consulting Engineers have been hired to assess the mold growing on the columns in the Baldwin Library. Preliminary testing revealed that the mold is toxic, thus resulting in the library closure. The vinyl wallpaper and carpet will need to be removed from the building during the remediation process. The library collection will be cleaned and tested for contamination. Clarence Vappie offered to assist in constructing a temporary library at the civic center in Baldwin while the branch renovations are ongoing.

Jason Watson motioned to hire Daniel Bruce as the architect for the Baldwin Mold Remediation and Renovation project and Carla Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Karla Vappie motioned to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Baldwin to use the Baldwin civic center as a temporary library location and Don T. Caffery seconded. Motion carried.

The search committee presented their proposed compensation package to the board. Carla Davis voted to approve the proposed compensation package and Lucy Watson seconded. Motion adjourned. Ashton Myers accepted the proposed compensation package.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

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Ashton Myers, Director

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Mary B. Bailey, Chair