

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG

LIBRARY

Minutes of February 16, 2021 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees
Governance Committee Meeting

The Governance Committee met virtually by Zoom call. The following committee members participated: Jennifer Appleby, Ed Williams, Charles Thomas, and Rob Harrington (chair). There were no others in attendance.

The committee discussed two topics: (1) identifying potential successors to BOT members rolling off the board at the end of their second terms and (2) communicating with the Board of County Commissioners to request that 2 of the 4 BOT members scheduled to roll off the board at the end of their second terms be permitted to remain on the board for one additional year.

After discussion, the committee decided to contact the following four individuals to assess their interest and availability to be appointed to the BOT for terms beginning in July 2021 or July 2022: Tracy Montross (who resides in BOCC Dist. 3), Elizabeth Hardin (Dist. 4), Peggy Brookhouse (Dist. 4), and Jonathan Buchan (Dist. 5). Committee members expressed that these potential appointees would bring skills and experience in areas that will be beneficial to the library as successors to departing trustees, including governmental relations, library operations, civic and nonprofit leadership, and first amendment matters.

The committee asked Williams to make initial contact with Hardin and Buchan, Harrington to make initial contact with Brookhouse, and Appleby to make initial contact with Montross.

The committee also committed to review the applications of other residents who have applied for BOT positions.

Committee members reviewed a draft letter prepared by Appleby and Harrington to be sent to the BOCC requesting the one-year extension of terms for Kelley and Harrington. The committee approved the substance of the letter and its being sent when finalized to the BOCC. The committee also discussed outreach to commissioners to explain the reasons for the request. The letter will ask the BOCC to decide whether to permit the extensions before May, when individual appointments to the BOT will be considered by the BOCC.

Minutes prepared by Rob Harrington