

**NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 26, 2009

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**CALL TO ORDER**

5:00 P.M., Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Chairwoman Vernie Borgersen  
Vice Chairwoman Nona Whipple  
Trustee Monica Beasley  
Trustee Cathy Lynch

**EXCUSED**

Trustee Rita Langford  
Trustee Aaron Hegji

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Administrative Officer Gregory E. Rose  
Library Director Kathy Pennell  
Acting City Clerk Anita Sheldon  
Deputy City Attorney Noel Eidsmore  
Deputy City Clerk Marie Purcell

**WELCOME**

Chairwoman Vernie Borgersen

**VERIFICATION**

Anita Sheldon  
Acting City Clerk

### AGENDA

1. **APPROVAL OF THE NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF MAY 26, 2009.**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Whipple

SECOND: Trustee Beasley

AYES: Chairwoman Borgersen, Vice Chairwoman Whipple, Trustees Beasley and Lynch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Langford and Hegji

ABSTAIN: None

### BUSINESS

2. **APPROVAL OF NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2009.**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Chairwoman Borgersen

SECOND: Vice Chairwoman Whipple

AYES: Chairwoman Borgersen, Vice Chairwoman Whipple, Trustees Beasley and Lynch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Langford and Hegji

ABSTAIN: None

**3. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF 71,948.68 FOR LIBRARY AUTOMATION AND COURIER SERVICES.**

Library Director Kathy Pennell said the agreement was for FY2009-2010 and explained that there was a difference from last year's agreement due to the purchase of eight additional licenses for the Alexander Library and a third stop for courier services. She said another addition to the agreement was an overdrive download of media items through the system at a cost of \$2,000 for the current year with an uncertain amount of usage. If there was continued usage the cost would be calculated on an as-used basis. The system would be available July 1, 2009.

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Whipple

SECOND: Trustee Beasley

AYES: Chairwoman Borgersen, Vice Chairwoman Whipple, Trustees Beasley and Lynch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Langford and Hegji

ABSTAIN: None

**4. DISCUSSION AND/OR DIRECTION REGARDING PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF CITIZEN SURVEY.**

Library Director Kathy Pennell explained that citizens discussed the check-out limit of twenty items and the policy regarding prohibition of items to be checked-out of the library if fines were due. She explained that the City conducted a survey and asked three questions for feedback regarding the policies. Director Pennell explained that the first question related to materials of interest for the library. Results showed an increased interest in e-books and would be supported with the use of the overdrive download of media.

Director Pennell said that question number two related to the one time check-out limit of twenty items. She said that 80% were in agreement with the twenty item limit and 15% disagreed either somewhat or strongly. Vice Chairwoman Whipple questioned if the reason was due to the limited amount of books. Director Pennell explained that there was less than one item per person based on the population which was the lowest in the state.

Director Pennell said that question number three related to the reason that people may not use the library. The results showed that 20% was location, 9% lack of materials, 9% lack of interest, 3% restrictive circulation policies, 8% fines and 34% reported none of these. She said the preliminary results would help the board provide direction on how to proceed. Chairman Borgersen questioned the number of people that participated in the survey. Director Pennell said 200 citizens participated. Trustee Beasley questioned the system used to purchase books. Director Pennell explained that decision was based on popular authors, waiting list and past performance.

Chief Administrative Officer Gregory Rose said the purpose of the discussion was to demonstrate the community interest regarding the libraries and whether there was an interest to change policies.

ACTION: DISCUSSION HELD

### **STAFF REPORT**

Library Director Kathy Pennell said there would be a training on June 11, 2009 at the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson and would provide additional information to the Board members.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Nanette Clarke, 1708 Shadow Bay Court, North Las Vegas**, complained about the library fines and said that fines of more than \$2.00 could be paid online, but amounts less than that needed to be paid in person. She explained that all fines needed to be paid before any library business could be conducted. Ms. Clarke explained that books could not be ordered or requested with outstanding library fines of any amount. Director Pennell explained that this policy occurred when the City joined the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. She explained that prior to that, no fines could be paid online. Las Vegas-Clark County operated the system and said there was a cost for online transactions set at \$2.00. Chief Administrative Officer Gregory Rose said the City would inquire with Las Vegas-Clark County for a possible solution. Trustee Beasley questioned whether a solution could be the ability to order or request books, but not have the ability to check them out unless the fines were paid. Director Pennell explained it was a computer programming issue. Chief Administrative Officer Rose explained the reason for the fines was the ability to get the books returned for public use and the best way to encourage citizens to return the items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:22 P.M.

**MOTION:** Chairwoman Borgersen

**SECOND:** Trustee Beasley

**AYES:** Chairwoman Borgersen, Vice Chairwoman Whipple, Trustees Beasley and Lynch

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustees Langford and Hegji

**ABSTAIN:** None

**APPROVED: July 28, 2009**

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Vernie Borgersen, Chairwoman

**ATTEST:**

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Karen L. Storms, CMC  
City Clerk