# Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors November 2, 2023 Approved by the Library Board on January, 22, 2024

Board Members on Webex: Excused Board Member(s):

William (Bill) Scarber, Chair Sandra Osborn Anastasia Morgan Hollie Pettersson, Vice Chair Spencer Romney Nancy Thorne Steven Sokol Kaati Tarr

Kathryn Calderon (for Suzanne Harrison)

Attendees in Person:

Jim CooperJoey McNameeLeslie WebsterMelissa HaslamMatt McLainElliot FenechChrista WarrenPamela ParkSara Neal

Other Attendees on Webex:

Megan SmithKim Bryant WelchRobin ChalhoubKathy ChristiansenDarin ButlerEmily Bullough

Steve Van Maren

Bill Scarber, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Welcome - Jim Cooper, Library Director

Welcome to this special meeting of the board. This meeting was requested to approve a few items from the October meeting.

#### **Public comments:**

Steve Van Maren enjoyed the jail tour in October.

## **Correspondence - Jim Cooper, Library Director**

None at this time.

## **Approve Minutes** from the September 25, 2023 Board Meeting

Hollie Pettersson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2023 Library Board Meeting. Kaati Tarr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathryn Calderon for Suzanne Harrison – aye Anastasia Morgan – N/A Sandra Osborn – aye Hollie Pettersson – aye Spencer Romney – aye Bill Scarber – aye Steven Sokol – aye Kaati Tarr – aye Nancy Thorne – N/A

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Director Job Description - Jim Cooper, Library Director

Consistent with county ordinance, the director job description must be approved by the library board and the mayor's office. The description has not been updated since the 1990s and one update was the change in governance. The position is now under Community Services. Another update to the job description covers the mandatory background check per policy requirements.

Board member, Steve Sokol, questioned if a master's degree was similar to other county requirements and if a great candidate would be excluded if they only had a bachelor's degree. The job application states they may have equivalent experience. A master's degree is preferred, but it does not merit an automatic exclusion if they have similar qualifications for an executive director.

The board may approve the job description, with minor changes in the human resource stage as the position posts.

<u>Steven Sokol made a motion to approve the Director Job Description as currently written.</u>
<u>Sandra Osborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Kathryn Calderon for Suzanne Harrison – aye Anastasia Morgan – N/A Sandra Osborn – aye Hollie Pettersson – aye Spencer Romney – aye Bill Scarber – aye Steven Sokol – aye Kaati Tarr – aye Nancy Thorne – N/A

# **Director Selection Committee – Jim Cooper, Library Director**

This topic was not on the agenda and was brought up for informational purposes. A selection committee will need to be assembled. The committee will consist of three board members, a few library staff members, and a member of the Mayor's office.

The selection committee will help narrow down the list of candidates to a few individuals. Those remaining will then meet with the entire board for an interview. Interview experience is not necessary, as human resources will provide some training on the process and expectations. The first round of interviews will take place virtually for a few hours across three days.

Email Director, Jim Cooper, with your interest in the selection committee.

# Intro to IT Manager, Elliot Fenech - Leslie Webster, Associate Director of Admin Services

Elliot Fenech is the new Senior Manager of IT. He was mentioned at the October meeting, but was unable to attend. Elliot received a degree from the University of Utah and previously worked at Twitch and the University of Utah. He has two kids and is excited to spend more time with them and give back to the community. Elliot recently completed a pilgrimage trek and immediately connected with a few board members over that hobby.

Bill Scarber, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:48 pm.

