



North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

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MINUTES OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIAN CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

State Library of North Carolina

Raleigh, NC

Friday, January 26, 2024

11:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wanda Kay Brown, Director of Library Services C.G.O'Kelly Library, Winston-Salem State University. Nina Chaffin, Public Library Director, Union County. Lauren Clossey, Liaison to the Certification Commission, State Library. Carleon Reign, Administrative Assistant, State Library of NC. Dr. Tiwanna Nevels, Assistant State Librarian, State Library of NC. Brian Hart, Assistant County Manager, Person County. Dr. Lisa O'Connor, Associate Professor, UNCG, Sarah Gransee, Library Development Director, State Library of NC. Carrie Lee, NCLA Public Library Section Chair, Wake County Public Libraries.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Michelle Underhill, State Librarian, State Library of NC.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Brian Hart (Chair) at 11:42 am.

STATEMENT FROM DNCR SECRETARY, Reid Wilson:

Secretary Wilson gave remarks to the commission about the importance of libraries and the work of the NC Public Librarian Certification Commission.

ETHICS STATEMENT:

Ethics statement read by Brian Hart at 11:54 am. No potential conflicts noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10.13.2023:

Minutes were reviewed by the commission. Wanda Brown made a motion to approve the meeting

minutes; Nina Chaffin seconded the motion. All in favor of approving the minutes as written, none opposed. Minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Commission voted on a new commission vice-chair. Brian Hart nominated Nina Chaffin and Lisa O’Conner seconded the motion. All in favor of Nina being appointed vice-chair, none opposed.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION:

26 total applications received - 25 applications were approved and 1 denied (including pre-approved applications).

During the review of applications, the commission discussed the use of school library media courses and if it meets the Public Library Administration course competency.

Wanda Brown called for the discussion to be tabled until the next meeting for further discussion about the condition under which it could be accepted as part of the course competency.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Nina Chaffin motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Lisa O’Conner seconded the motion. All in favor to end the meeting, none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2024