

MINUTES OF THE NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY  
REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING FOR 2022 BUDGET,  
BUDGET HEARING AND SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

ZOOM:

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NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM  
4317 W 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing for the 2022 budget of the Northeast Kansas Library System began at 2:00 p.m. Robert Miller, President, called the hearing to order.

Mr. Michael McDonald presented the 2022 budget in relation to the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Mr. Robert Miller called for any guests wishing to provide public comment on NEKLS' intention to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate by 0.003 mills.

No public comments were made.

Robert Miller called on the System Board to consider Resolution 2021-5 to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. MOTION: Kiersten Allen, Executive Board, moved to pass Resolution 2021-5, a resolution stating the Governing Body's intent to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Jack Granath, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED by a vote of 53 yes and 1 no.

Robert Miller called for a motion and second to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. MOTION: Kiersten Allen, Executive Board, moved to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Nancy Keith, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Mr. Robert Miller, President, called the Budget Hearing to order.

The public hearing for the 2022 budget of the Northeast Kansas Library System began at 2:13 p.m. Mr. Michael McDonald began the hearing by presenting the 2022 Budget.

He then presented the 2022 System Plan.

Robert Miller called on guests to provide public comment on the proposed NEKLS budget.

Summer Taylor, Overbrook Public Library, asked to return to the General Fund page of the presentation. She wanted to know how we are able to save money on Motor Vehicle Tax and Recreational Vehicle Tax. Michael McDonald explained that those totals are provided to us by Douglas County.

Matt Nojonen, Leavenworth Public Library, (in reference to the KLE Courier Budget slide) asked about the increase in expenditures in the Contractual Courier line. Whether it was due to volume or cost of operations. Michael McDonald explained that according to the contract with the courier vendor, the rates per stop is stepped up each year and it is a 4-year contract. Carolyn Little, Executive Board, also offered that in 2020 the courier did not operate for a portion of the year and that reduced the contractual cost for that year.

No further public comments were made.

After the discussion, Robert Miller called for a motion and second to close the Budget Hearing. MOTION: Jack Granath, Executive Board, moved to close the Budget Hearing. Nancy Keith, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The public hearing on the budget closed at 2:34 p.m. and the System Board meeting began.

The annual System Board meeting was held via Zoom and in person at the Northeast Kansas Library System office at 4317 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas on September 14, 2021. President Robert Miller called the System Board meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

The President called for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

President Robert Miller asked members of the Executive Board to introduce themselves.

The next three agenda items were Action Items. All Governor Appointees, Executive Board members and designated Library System Representatives, or their proxies, were polled electronically for approval of the August 13, 2020 Assembly minutes and 2022 Budget.

MOTION: Julie Clark, Olathe Public Library, moved that the August 13, 2020 Budget Hearing and System Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented. Kiersten Allen, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED by a vote of 53 yes and 0 no votes.

MOTION: Nancy Keith, Executive Board, moved that the 2022 Budget be approved as presented. Kiersten Allen, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED by a vote of 52 yes and 0 no votes.

All Governor Appointees, Executive Board members and designated Library System Representatives, or their proxies, were polled electronically for the election of Executive Board Representatives. The ballot contained the following nominations:

Atchison County	Kathleen Flanagan
Johnson County	Robert (Bob) Miller
Shawnee County	Carolyn Little
At Large (Acad.)	Lars Leon
At Large (Schools)	Lori Franklin
At Large	Rachael Hissong
	Pattie Poe

A call for any other nominations was made, with no additions to the ballot. Nominations were approved with 52 ballots being cast for all nominees. Kathleen Flanagan from Atchison

County; Robert Miller from Johnson County; Carolyn Little from Shawnee County; Lars Leon, At Large (Academic); Lori Franklin, At Large (Schools); and Rachael Hissong, At Large were the elected Executive Board members.

Retiring Executive Board members were recognized and thanked. Dr. Alan Bearman, At Large (Academic); Nancy Keith, At Large; and Kimberlie Pelsma, At Large (Schools).

Other business: Mr. McDonald shared the NEKLS website, <https://www.nekls.org/> and the Northeast Kansas Library Foundation website, <https://foundation.nekls.org/>.

President Robert Miller called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Jack Granath, Executive Board, moved to adjourn the annual System Board meeting. Sean Bird, Executive Board, seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The annual System Board meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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*Ashley Creek, Secretary*

## ATTENDANCE

Ballots were given to the following 54 System representatives:

1. Jacque Slingsby	Atchison Library
2. Ray Walling	Baker University
3. Wendy Conover	Baldwin City Public Library
4. Amanda Ketterling	Bonner Springs School District
5. Gina Shultz	Burlingame Community Library
6. Heather Garrison	Carbondale Library
7. Dreda Smith	Centralia Community Library
8. Jennifer Sosna	De Soto Unified School District
9. Becky Etherton	Library District #1 Doniphan Co.
10. Tyler Johnson	Donnelly College
11. Nancy Trevino	Effingham Community Library
12. Michael Church	Kansas Historical Society
13. Terri Wojtalewicz	Lansing Community Library
14. Brad Allen	Lawrence Public Library
15. Matt Nojonen	Leavenworth Public Library
16. Kat McKee	Linwood Community Library
17. Genea Reynolds	Lyndon Carnegie Library
18. Kim Priest	Mary Cotton Public Library
19. Erin Verbick	Morrill Public Library
20. Darrel Kohlman	Nemaha Central School District
21. Greta Funk	Nortonville Public Library
22. Julie Clark	Olathe Public Library
23. Jeanette Stromgren	Osage City Public Library
24. Morgan Crabtree	Osawatomie Public Library
25. Gregory Barnard	Oskaloosa Public Library
26. Terry Chartier	Ottawa Library
27. Summer Taylor	Overbrook Public Library
28. Rachael Hissong	Paola Free Library
29. Kayla Greer	Pomona Community Library
30. Ken Manwarren	Richmond Public Library
31. Christi McKenzie	Rossville Community Library

32. Barb Williamson	Royal Valley School District
33. Kate Haynie	Seneca Free Library
34. Nicolette Womak	Silver Lake Public Library
35. Rebecca Fawcett	Spring Hill School District
36. Max Wirestone	Tonganoxie Public Library
37. Thad Hartman	Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
38. Sophia Hahn	University of Saint Mary
39. Amy Balman	Wellsville Library
40. Shae Crowley	Williamsburg Community Library
41. Kiersten Allen	Executive Board
42. Sean Bird	Executive Board
43. Dan Glynn	Executive Board
44. Jack Granath	Executive Board
45. Carolyn Groves	Executive Board
46. Nancy Keith	Executive Board
47. Gloria Kruse	Executive Board
48. Carolyn Little	Executive Board
49. Jennifer Lloyd	Executive Board
50. Bob Miller	Executive Board
51. Sandee Morris	Executive Board
52. Kimberlie Pelsma	Executive Board
53. Lisa Suhr	Executive Board
54. Nina Flax	Osage County Commission

68 attended the 2021 Assembly:

- 34 from public libraries
- 4 from academic libraries
- 5 from school libraries
- 1 from special libraries
- 1 County Commission Appointees
- 14 Executive Board members
- 1 public guests
- 8 NEKLS staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ NEKLS guest (State Librarian, Eric Norris)
- \_\_\_\_\_ presenters
- \_\_\_\_\_ volunteer award recipients and guests