

MINUTES
ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 19th, 2023

9:30 am

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PRESENT

Trustees

Gary Johnson, Chair
Steve Beckett
Joan Brodsky
Jessica Harris
Kathryn Harris
Melinda Spitzer Johnston
Jason Lesniewicz
Dan Monroe
Martin Sandoval (absent)
Eunice Santos
Tiffany Mathis

Guests

Erin McGough
Ashley Howell

Staff

Christina Shutt, Executive Director (virtual)
Mark Mahoney, Chief of Staff
Hannah Ross, Executive Assistant
Chris Wills, Communication Director
Brett Cox, Chief Fiscal Officer

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Items

- Minutes from April 19, 2023, Public Meeting

Trustee Jessica Harris motioned to approve the April 19, 2023, minutes. Trustee Kathryn Harris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Report

The State of Sound exhibit curated by the ALPLM is now at Navy Pier in Chicago. Congratulations to the ALPLM staff for turning this exhibit into a traveling exhibit and displaying it at the Midwest's most prominent tourism destination.

Executive Director Report

The ALPLM welcomes our new Chief of Staff, Mark Mahoney. We will continue to hire throughout the summer and hope to have a whole senior staff starting in the fall.

The ALPLM welcomed our new store vendor, ExplorUs, on July 1. We are working with ExplorUs to showcase more locally-made items in our gift shop.

The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust awarded the ALPLM with a \$100,000 grant for the interpretative master plan for the Museum.

The ALPLM wrapped up our Future Presidents of America camp with 20 students this year. This program is aiding us in building our Volunteer program.

Sangamon County had significant storms a couple of weeks ago that caused many residents to lose power, so the ALPLM opened Union Station as a power source.

The ALPLM continues to work with Google and Thoughtworks on the augmented reality experience project.

Chief of Staff Report

The ALPLM has filled our Legal Counsel position. Working on filling the Chief Operating Officer position.

We continue to work with CDB on our roofing project and updating our three main chillers.

Team Lincoln is up to 800 memberships and the ALPLM welcomes 31 new volunteers on board.

Communications Director Report

The ALPLM is doing well in presenting Lincoln's Legacy in new ways. Concerns on the horizon are local news opportunities are shrinking, but the new position of communications manager can help explore different avenues.

Working on setting up a podcast about Lincoln and the Museum in general.

Chief Fiscal Officer

The ALPLM has started a new FY, and the legislator approved our budget request, including the 6 million for the Google project.

We are ramping up the development office to help with revenues.

Working to get the parking garage equipment working and turned on.

The ALPLM public trust fund reached over 1 million dollars.

New Business

- Discussion and Vote on Deaccessions
 - *Trustee Steve Beckett motioned to approve the deaccession proposals. Trustee Dan Monroe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- Discussion and Vote on Loans
 - *Kathryn Harris motioned to approve the loan extension. Trustee Joan Brodsky seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- AAM Site Review
 - Board members and accreditation reviewers discussed the ALPLM's history, challenges, accomplishments, government structure, and future goals.

Trustee Steve Beckett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kathryn Harris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.