Berkeley Public Library Personnel and Finance Committees Meeting Minutes Monday, November 7, 5:00pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Present: Trustees Conlin, Thomas, Villafana. Director Cox, Assistant Director La Barbera.

2. Discussion: Finance Committee Updates

Trustees briefly discussed status of the Capital Projects Fund and outstanding payments related to the Phase 1 remodel. It is anticipated that greater than 90% of payments have now been made, though some outstanding expenses to both SMC and the second 50% of the furniture cost is still to be paid.

Trustees briefly discussed the anticipated timing of tax revenues being received. Finally, the committees discussed the upcoming pre-approval of November expenses as the Board will not be meeting in December. It was agreed that the wording of the motion for pre-approval including language related to "operational expenses" in order to specify non-capital project expenses.

3. Discussion: Staff Holiday Bonuses

The trustees discussed historic bonuses paid to library staff. The Director shared year-to-date expenses related to staff salaries, and trustees agreed that holiday bonuses were within existing budget parameters and could be issued by the Library.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.