

**Terrebonne Parish Library
Board of Control Minutes
February 19, 2025**

Vice-chairman Mr. Jon Paul Olivier called the Terrebonne Parish Library Board of Control regular meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. on February 19, 2025, at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library.

Members present were Judge Jude Fanguy, Mr. Jon Paul Olivier, Ms. Rosa Pitre, Ms. Ann Robichaux, Ms. Karen Schilling, and Ms. Devonna Simmons. Library Director Mary Cospier LeBoeuf was in attendance. A quorum was present. Assistant Director Tracy Guyan was also present. Courtney Alcock was present as legal representation for the library. Mrs. Talbot had an excused absence.

The Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation were recited.

Mr. Olivier read aloud a letter from resident Rachel Colonna, who could not physically attend the meeting, regarding her fear of the book-banning trend.

Ms. Pitre moved to adopt the minutes for December 5, 2024. Judge Fanguy gave the second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Mrs. Gwen Talbot

Mrs. LeBoeuf gave the director's report.

Under old business, Mrs. LeBoeuf stated that the fence closing the bottom of the building is installed at the South Regional Branch. She also mentioned that the branch's monthly attendance is over 2,000 people.

Under new business, Ms. Schilling motioned to accept the January 2025 Financial Statement. Ms. Robichaux gave the second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Simmons moved to modify the current library card tier system to further restrict the Tier 1 option. This change will only allow picture/easy books for that tier. Ms. Pitre gave the second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Richard Watkins had various questions on the tier system.

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Statements of Concern:

Ms. Pitre moved to accept the recommendation to move the book *Pride of Championing: LGBTQ* by Rebecca Felix to the non-fiction section of young adult (Tier 3). This book does not meet the criteria to be classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Robichaux gave the second. Motion passed.

Public comment: Ms. Leah Porche spoke in opposition of moving the title. Ms. Cheri Blanchard spoke in favor of moving the book to the adult section.

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Schilling moved to accept the recommendation to move Jamie Lawson's *Rainbow Revolutions: Power, Pride and Protest* to the nonfiction children's section (Tier 3). This book does not meet the criteria for being classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Pitre gave the second. The motion passed.

Public Comment: Ms. Cheri Blanchard spoke in favor of moving the title but wanted it moved to the adult section. Ms. Leah Porche spoke in opposition to moving the title. Ms. Stefanny Chaisson spoke in opposition to moving the title.

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Pitre motioned to accept the recommendation to move the book *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg to the adult section (Tier 5). This book does meet the criteria for being classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Robichaux gave the second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Mr. Richard Watkins and Ms. Cheri Blanchard supported moving the title to the adult section. Ms. Cheri Andrepont, Ms. Stefanny Chaisson, and Ms. Alicia Voision opposed moving the item to the adult section.

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Simmons moved to accept the recommendation to move the book *In the News: Children's Rights* by Adam Hibbert to non-fiction young adult (Tier 3). This book does not meet the criteria to be classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Schilling gave the second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Robichaux moved to accept the recommendation to keep *Auntie Uncle* by Ellie Royce in the children's section (Tier 1). This book does not meet the criteria for being classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Pitre gave the second. Motion passed.

Public comment: Ms. Cheri Blanchard opposed keeping the book at its current classification, while Ms. Cheri Andrepont was in favor of keeping it in the children's area.

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Robichaux motioned to accept the recommendation to retain the book *I'm Not a Girl* by Maddox Lyons at its current classification as a non-fiction children's book (Tier 2). This book does not meet the criteria to be classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Pitre gave the second. Motion passed.

Public comment: None

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Schilling motioned to accept the recommendation to move the book *A Court of Frost and Starlight* by Sarah Maas to the adult section per the publisher's decision to reclassify the material as adult (Tier 5). This book does meet the criteria to be classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Pitre gave the second. Motion passed

Public comment: None

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Pitre motioned to accept the recommendation *Be Amazing* by Desmond Napoles to retain its current classification as a children's non-fiction book (Tier 2). This book does not meet the criteria to be classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Robichaux gave the second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

Ms. Pitre moved to accept the recommendation to reclassify the book *Impulse* by Ellen Hopkins to sexually explicit young adult (Tier 4). This book does meet the criteria to be classified as sexually explicit by La. R.S. 25:225. Ms. Simmons gave the second. Motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Yes:	Fanguy; Olivier; Pitre; Robichaux, Schilling; Simmons
No:	None
Absent:	Talbot

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Mary Cospier LeBoeuf
Secretary/Director