

# LBOC Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting Notes

December 8, 2022

Attendance: Kelly LaRocca, Tanya DiMaggio, Hilari Melerine, Jenny Mayer, Becky Taylor, Sally McKissack, Louanne Bertrand, Bill Allin, Jim Bolner

## 1. Section 407

- a. Section 2 - Add The director will select two or more staff members to serve on an internal committee. remove “due to extenuating circumstances” and add “in which case the complainant(s) shall receive notice.”
- b. Add New Section 3 - Explanation of library staff challenge committee selection, committee
  - i. The committee members shall:
    1. Review the material in its entirety
    2. Create and consider a resume of the material which can include:
      - A brief synopsis
      - Reviews in standard evaluation guides
      - Topical information concerning the material
      - Circulation information
      - Information about holdings in other public libraries
      - Awards received
      - Biographical information about the author/producer
      - Library of Congress Subject Headings
    3. Consider the suitability for age level of current placement
    4. Consider present and potential relevance to community needs
    5. Conduct a discussion to reach a recommendation
    6. Submit a written report to the Director with recommendations based on the result of the committee’s efforts.
- c. Section 4 – Remove first sentence “The Director shall notify . . .”
- d. Section 5 - Remove “following the committee’s review meeting date”
- e. Section 6 – Remove “to be distributed” and “members prior to any action taken by the Board”
- f. Section 7 - Add “ Matters taken under advisement shall be renoticed for a future meeting.”

## 2. Section 409

- a. Add at the beginning “The St. Tammany Parish Library does not, to its knowledge, have any materials in its collection that are “obscene” or “pornographic” by legal definition.”
- b. Indent statements 1-4
- c. Discussion on term “pervasively vulgar”
- d. In paragraph starting with “Therefore”:

- i. add "individual" before "books"
    - ii. change "pervasively vulgar" to "inappropriate"
    - iii. Add i.e. "pervasively vulgar"
  - e. Add final paragraph "Pending a determination that an item that is the subject of a Statement of Concern is "pervasively vulgar," according to the standard established by SCOTUS, access to the item will be restricted."
  - f. Keep last sentence "These items will be available to all patrons 18 years or older and to those minors whose parents or legal guardians have given them permission."
- 3. Next Meeting
  - a. TBD
- 4. Public Comment - Sarah Cook from Mandeville said she is happy with the library. She didn't agree with instituting the different juvenile library card tiers. She likes being able to find things on the shelf. She has given her children unrestricted access. She agreed with Section 407 but was concerned that Section 409 would be too restrictive.