

LBOC Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting Notes

April 6, 2023

Attendance: Kelly LaRocca, Tanya DiMaggio, Becky Taylor, Sally McKissack, Louanne Bertrand, Jennifer Rifino, Sarah Aucoin

1. Review Bylaws, Section 111. Quorum, Rules of Order, and Enactments

a. Section C – Public Comment

i. Review St. Tammany Parish Govt Ordinances, Shreve Memorial, and East Baton Rouge PL

ii. Adapted the above as follows

1. All meetings of the Board are open to the general public. The agenda shall contain a public commenting period at all Board meetings prior to action being taken on agenda items upon which a vote is to be taken [LA R.S. 42:15]. Any person wishing to speak relative to an item on the agenda shall be allowed to do so upon consideration of that matter.

A three-minute time limitation is established for each person wishing to speak. Prior to the introduction of agenda items, the Board President shall inform the assembly of the order of business at hand and the order of the presentation in consideration of agenda items, and shall instruct the assembly on the appropriate procedures for addressing the Board. The opportunity to address the Board shall not include a question and answer session or response. If questions are submitted in writing, a response may be provided in writing at a later date at the Board's discretion.

iii. The President of the Board or the person conducting the meeting has the authority to end the comment period if it is felt that the comments are not germane to the subject or contrary to good order

iv. Section 2 from EBR PL

1. Keep Section 2 A-E
2. B change "in item 1B above" to "above"
3. C add "and city or town of residence" between name and prior
4. Add "If the Board chooses to ask question of the speaker, the speaker's answers are not considered part of his three (3) minute time limitation" as F

v. Ask Emily Couvillon about "There is an absolute prohibition on personal attacks on Board members or others, comments considered profane, frivolous, harassing, and repetitive or are not appropriate for comment

2. Section 205 Materials Display –

- a. Staff Displays
 - i. Section C, add “biographies, histories, and” between of and materials in commemorative months section
 - ii. Add “These displays may include information and booklists that include all genres” to commemorative months section
- 3. Section 407
 - a. In section A General: change “children” to minors/minor
 - i. Change “and” to “or” in third sentence between “themselves” and “for”
 - b. In Section B Process: In section 3 add
 - i. Publisher, vendor, and/or reviewer audience recommendations
 - ii. Indication that purchase was made per patron request, if that information is available
 - c. Section 9: discussed time limit between reconsideration of Statements of concern. 3/5/10 years. Looked at ALA template, EBR PL, and Lafayette PL.
 - i. The decision on a statement of concern of specific materials, programs or displays will remain in effect for five years. Within the five years, complainants submitting a new Statement of Concern on a decided material, program, or display shall receive a copy of the Board's current decision.
- 4. Next Meeting
 - a. Wednesday, April 19 at 11 am at South Slidell
 - b. Review revisions for Statement of Concern policy, Displays policy, and Bylaws.