

PUBLIC COMMENT – JUNE 27, 2023

RULES & REGULATIONS MEETING AND/OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ST TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: Challenged MATERIAL PROCESS
(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.)

I AM OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED CHALLENGE
PROCESS CHANGES WHICH WOULD MAKE IT HARDER
ON THE TAXPAYER WHO IS OBJECTING

FULL NAME: CAMILLE THOMPSON

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*Challenged material
Process*

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X I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 1a
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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: IV/1A
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Challenge

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FULL NAME: IRIS GALATIN

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FULL NAME: ROLAND GALLATIN

ADDRESS: ST TAMMANY PARISH

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Roland Gallatin, St. Tammany Parish, property taxpayer

APPEAL PROCESS AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW PROVISION

The challenged material process needs outside review – it needs an **APPEAL PROVISION**. It needs to establish an **INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE** with the authority to overturn BOC decisions... this is needed to remedy the current situation, in which the BOC SITS AS THE “grossly conflicted” FINAL SUPREME COURT. The BOC is incapable of policing itself.

PENALTY PROVISION

The INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE also needs authority to penalize BOC members who violate library rules and regulations. (e.g. removal from the board or suspended from voting)

CHALLENGE TO COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT PROVISION

The challenged material process needs to include a provision that gives residents the right to challenge whether a title should be included in the library collection at all (COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT). ... TO PREVENT ONE SIDED BIASED VIEWS ON SOCIAL ISSUES

The “challenge material process” is numbered 407 because it is within chapter 4 of the library rules ... **TITLED “COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT”** ... SEEMS like collection development is on the agenda.

The Atty. Gen.’s opinion letter issued this year states on page 6 “*many libraries have a policy allowing a patron to request that library materials be reconsidered.*”

The challenged material process needs these provisions **LISTED ABOVE** for the following reasons:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The process, as it currently exists, from start to finish ... is conflicts of interests followed by conflicts of interest.

The board of controls hires the library director, the library director then decides what books to buy to develop the library’s collection

1. The books get challenged ... and the person bought the book picks 2 employees who answer directly to her to review her decision.
2. the 2 library committee employees always conclude that the book is appropriate for the collection and appropriate for the public.
3. This unbelievably flawed and biased report then goes to the board of control
4. The board of control is the entity that hired the library director
5. The BOC ALWAYS agrees with the library committee’s recommendations, ... always as in ALWAYS.
6. Not once as the library committee ever agreed with a challenge
7. Not once has the board control ever gone against the library committee’s recommendation
8. Ms. Shaw (Vice President) has been involved with the library for decades.
9. Ms. Shaw is the one who essentially hired Kelly LaRocca.
10. What I’ve described so far as what’s on the surface.
11. What’s beneath the surface is that these people all know each other, and are all ideologically aligned.

As the process stands right now, this board of control is a kangaroo court on steroids.

CONSISTENT VIOLATION OF RULE TO BE IMPARTIAL

The library director and the BOC have consistently violated the rule of being impartial, as stated in library rules and regulations

Core Values—Our Vision

Impartiality: *We will build collections which will serve the entire community without endorsing one point-of-view over another.*

The current collection does not serve the entire community but serves a small fraction of the community ... That might exist ... reflected in the collection, and BOC decisions.

The library and board of control is egregiously biased and openly endorses a one-sided view transexual ideology reflected in the collection development. (no books with opposing points of view).

BOC member Bill McHugh has openly endorsed the Democratic political party over the Republican party... In his Facebook posts “#shitholerepublicans.”

What would you say if one of the board members had a Facebook post that said #shitholedemocrats... Would that be okay? Think about what you’re doing here.

Chapter 4. Collection Development

Sec. 407. Statements of Concern About Library Resources

A. General

No one, least of all the public library, has the right to judge what another may read, view, or hear.

But the library director and the board of control continually judge.

They judge that amoral or immoral perspectives should be endorsed and developed to the exclusion of moral perspectives ... reflected in the library collection, and BOC decisions.

Chapter 4. Collection Development

Sec. 407. Statements of Concern About Library Resources

B. Process

3. The committee members shall:

d. Consider present and potential relevance to *community needs*

The library collection, and BOC decisions ignore the relevant community needs.

Not one challenged has ever succeeded ... NOT ONE.

Pay attention to the RELEVANT NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY.

There's already a documented increase in the number of children claiming distress regarding their birth sex.

Doctors are cashing in. Publishers are cashing in... There are now 60 picture books advocating transsexual ideology.

Nobody is trying to stop children with legitimate medical conditions from receiving literature or medical procedures.

What people are trying to stop is this dangerous fad that has already started.

THE RELEVANT NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY INVOLVE STOPPING A DANGEROUS a social trend that fabricates unhealthy children out of healthy ones.

THE DECEMBER RESOLUTION SHOULD REMAIN IN PLACE.

Don't trust librarians or anyone else you don't know personally ... always question authority, and always demand accountability from those in the government.

My time is valuable. I'm a volunteer as well.

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Challenged procedure process
Re censorship

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Rules & Reg process

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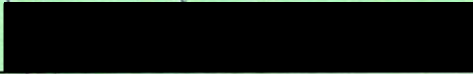
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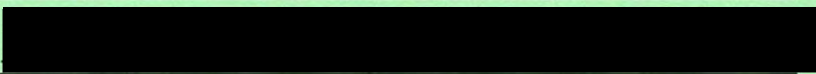
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FULL NAME: SHARON HAGSTETTE

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