



Livingston Parish Library Board of Control  
Public Hearing, August 13, 2024

## Minutes

The Livingston Parish Board of Control met in a public hearing on August 13, 2024. The meeting took place at the Main Branch, located at 20390 Iowa Street, Livingston, LA 70754.

### 1. Call to Order

Board President, Ronnie Bencaz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. Moment of Silence

Board President, Ronnie Bencaz called for a moment of silence.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance said the pledge of allegiance, led by Board Member Larry Davis.

### 4. Roll Call

Present: Ronnie Bencaz, Francine Smith, Shalisha Labat, Kathy deGeneres, Larry Davis, Abby Crosby, Steve Bernard, DeWanna Christian, Wendy Neal

Absent:

Also Present: Michelle Parrish (Director), Dustin Cotton (Assistant Director of Branch Services), Julia Falcon (Assistant Director of Support Services), David Gray (Public Information Officer), and Bridgette Rushing Gilbert (Ex-Officio Member)

### 5. Public Hearing

To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates

not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$2,292,265.84

David Gray, the library's Public Information Officer, presented a budget presentation to the board. **More detailed information can be found by listening to the audio recording of the meeting or watching the video link on our YouTube channel.**

## **6. Close Public Hearing**

Motion to close the public hearing made by Francine Smith, seconded by Abby Crosby

Yeas: Ronnie Bencaz, Francine Smith, Shalisha Labat, Kathy deGeneres, Larry Davis, Abby Crosby, Steve Bernard, DeWanna Christian, Wendi Neal, Bridgette Gilbert

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion carried.

## **7. Adjournment**

Mr. Bencaz adjourns the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.