

Nathan Maxon

From: Cjohnson <cjohnson@fclsonline.org> on behalf of Cjohnson
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 3:55 PM
To: nathan.maxon@fremontcountywy.gov
Subject: library emails for FOIA

Hi Nathan,

I am currently on the library board and searched through my emails regarding the FOIA about Perry Cook's board appointment/potential reappointment. The emails I have received were also sent to other board members. I did not send any emails regarding this issue as I have been out of town and out of communication with most of the board. Would you still like me to forward to you any emails that I received that were also received by the rest of the board members?

Carrie Johnson

Becky Enos

From: Anita Marple <amarple@fclsonline.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 10:57 AM
To: 'Pcook'; 'Kmccllland'; jangst@fclsonline.org; cjohnson@fclsonline.org; sshelley@fclsonline.org
Subject: RE: Board makeup

Good morning board members,

I apologize for using the label “ultra conservative activist” in my communication with Perry.

Using that term should not imply that I don’t support their right to freedom of speech and freedom of conscience. Something I live by and regularly emphasize to the FCLS staff is the duty of the library 1) to not have a political agenda and 2) to treat every single person who comes into our libraries with respect.

The point of heightened concern for me as the library director is that someone seeks to be on the board who has demonstrated through their speech or actions to advocate for a viewpoint that I believe is contrary to the library’s duty to uphold the Constitutional rights of everyone.

If an applicant demonstrated “ultra progressive activist” speech or actions, I would similarly have a heightened concern about having them on the library board. Again, it is not political affiliation or philosophical ideology which is the basis of my concern. It is what I have observed in someone’s speech or actions.

Our current board is an excellent example of people with a variety of viewpoints who work together successfully to guide the library system in upholding the Constitutional rights of all Fremont County citizens as stated in the Wyoming Constitution, Article I, Section 20.

Kristen, thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. Perry, I have observed through your actions that you respect each person’s right to their perspective and that you take time to listen to other perspectives.

Thank you to each of you for the time you invest on behalf of the Fremont County Library System,

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From: Pcook [mailto:pcook@fclsonline.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 1:21 PM
To: Kmccllland <kmccllland@fclsonline.org>; jangst@fclsonline.org; cjohnson@fclsonline.org; sshelley@fclsonline.org; amarple@fclsonline.org; Anita Marple <amarple@fclsonline.org>
Subject: Board makeup

Kristen;

I, as always, really value your opinion. I think there are several issues that are being confused here. We need to separate our personal beliefs, our cultural beliefs, and our job as Board members.

1. As Board members we need to come to the Board in support of the Library system, not as purveyors of any specific agenda.
2. It is very helpful to have a Board comprising multiple different viewpoints, religions, and political interests (I think we have that in our current group and I would never advocate a homogenous Board)
3. A well functioning Board is beneficial to the Library and to the County commissioners who oversee the library system. You and I have gone through a period of a contentious, dysfunctional Board and that was a disaster in terms of funding and organizational health.

My concern with the current applicants is that their history shows them to be activists pushing a specific agenda. I do not think that is an appropriate person to have on any Board. A Board member should be someone who is interested in the whole of the system not just restricting or reformatting one facet. The County Commissioners will decide what kind of Board they want and may or may not renew either my or Sherry's application. At the end are a couple of excerpts from the Wyoming Board members Handbook .

I value community input whether it is contentious or not. At the last meeting it was really helpful having input as we don't know what the Library's legal responsibility is regarding policing of private functions in the leased meeting rooms. Very interesting question and I am eager to see the legal opinion.

I did decide to put my name up because this last year had been very productive and we do still need to work on policies and procedures (your area of expertise) , more funding etc. I think we owe it to the Director and the County to continue on our path of calm, rational, non-confronting, fiscally responsible decision making. Plus you guys are freaking awesome to work with

Perry

"Intellectual Freedom: As public officials, Board Members have an obligation to uphold the Constitutional right of free speech. Board Members have a responsibility to resist censorship of library materials by groups or individuals, regardless of personal feelings and beliefs."

"Intellectual Freedom

It's been said that a good library has something to offend everyone, and yours is likely no exception. Public libraries serve an important role in democracy by providing materials that reflect all viewpoints. Intellectual freedom is a major concern of libraries. Individuals or groups may attempt to censor library materials that they feel are objectionable. The Library Board has the responsibility of championing the cause of intellectual freedom, including fighting all censorship efforts. This can be a difficult and uncomfortable responsibility, but it is necessary for the proper functioning of libraries.

The selection of library materials is an essential process that is strongly related to intellectual freedom. The Board must adopt a written materials selection policy for the library, which reflects the library's mission and goals. It should also clearly support the right of all members of the community to have access to a wide range of materials, including items that some people might find to be objectionable.

In some cases, persons objecting to library materials may attempt to persuade the library to remove those items. To address these attempts, the Library Board should adopt a policy and procedure for the filing of and the hearing of complaints. A good practice is to have a Reconsideration Form for patrons who want to challenge a book.

A great deal of information now comes through electronic means. Your library should adopt an Internet use policy that respects the rights of your patrons to freely access information."

----- Original Message -----

From: Kmccllland (kmccllland@fclsonline.org)

Date: 06/13/2023 09:01

To: Pcook (pcook@fclsonline.org), jangst@fclsonline.org, cjohnson@fclsonline.org, sshelley@fclsonline.org, amarple@fclsonline.org

Subject: Re: I need help....

Morning All,

Perry it seems you have decided to re-apply to the board and I think that is great as you have been a valuable asset to the library and board from my perspective and I look forward to working with you again should that come to pass. The email below caught me off guard and I want you all to know that I find the idea that any of us would continue on the board after we no longer feel led to serve just to keep others off the board who may have a different viewpoint than us to be highly unethical. In fact, it is my opinion that we should not be doing background research and making an effort in any way to steer who comes on the board other than letting others in the community know about opening and encouraging them if they have a desire to apply.

I have heard a lot of talk about freedom of speech and opening peoples mind to new knowledge and the how we must listen to the ALA because their principles and ideologies are a beacon for freedom to read, learn, grow and gain knowledge. Assuming we truly believe that and that we also truly believe that the ideologies and viewpoints we hold are true then we should never be afraid to put them under the pressure of those with different ideas. I believe the directing board of any entity public or private can only really thrive and grow if there is some polite discourse, growth never comes if the status quo is never challenged.

In closing I just want to say that I hope going forward we will make an effort to know and understand the viewpoints of our community at large and not assume that just because someone may be "ultra conservative" or any other label that they don't have knowledge and service to impart on our organization. The beauty of a republic is that everyone has the right to speak and challenge the decisions and working of their own government. I intend to do my part to keep it that way.

Thank you all respectfully for listening to my opinion.

Kristen McClelland

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From: Pcook (pcook@fclsonline.org)

Date: 06/09/2023 13:19

To: pcook@fclsonline.org, kmccllland@fclsonline.org, jangst@fclsonline.org, cjohnson@fclsonline.org, sshelley@fclsonline.org

Subject: I need help....

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Let me know your thoughts asap. Meanwhile I will try to get a hold of Amy Anderson Perry

Becky Enos

From: Becky Enos
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 12:53 PM
To: 'Perry Cook'
Subject: RE: interview

No worries, I'm glad it works and have a fun time at your class next week.
Becky

From: Perry Cook [mailto:pfcook1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Becky Enos <becky.enos@fremontcountywy.gov>
Subject: Re: interview

I am an idiot.
9:15 on Tuesday the 27th is perfect. It is on my calendar!
Sorry!
Perry

On Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 8:40 AM Becky Enos <becky.enos@fremontcountywy.gov> wrote:

I am not talking about next week, I know you had a conflict with your horse class. The next meeting of June 27th is the date I am working on now.

If you would like to call and talk, my phone is 332-1130.

Thanks,

Becky

From: Perry Cook [mailto:pfcook1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 8:30 AM
To: Becky Enos <becky.enos@fremontcountywy.gov>
Subject: Re: interview

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To: County Commissioners
From: Perry Cook, FCLS Board Chair
Date: 6/13/23
Re: Why I want to be considered for the FCLS Board for a second term

I will be out of town next week so will miss your scheduled interviews. I thought that a quick note might help.

1. As Board members we need to come to the Board in support of the Library system, not as purveyors of any specific agenda. During my tenure on the Board, I have strived to maintain an impartial outlook and be guided by the Legal department, our By-Laws, County recommendations, and national library guidelines
2. As Board Chair for the past year, my goal was to have a calm, rational, non-contentious, fiscally responsible Board. I think I was successful in achieving that goal. The library Board in its current makeup has only been together for one year. We currently have a great Library Board that is working well. I would like to see that continue.
3. We currently have a diverse Board comprising multiple different viewpoints, religions, and political interests. I do not see a need to change the current makeup of the Board.

Thank you for your consideration

Perry Cook

Anita Marple

From: Pcook <pcook@fclsonline.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 7:32 AM
To: sshelley@fclsonline.org; shaskins@fclsonline.org; pcook@fclsonline.org;
kmccllland@fclsonline.org; jangst@fclsonline.org; cjohnson@fclsonline.org;
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Subject: board seat

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Perry

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Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 1:21 PM
To: shaskins@fclsonline.org
Subject: Re: RE: board seat

Thanks for the support!
P.

From: Shari Haskins (shaskins@fclsonline.org)
Date: 06/13/2023 12:03
To: Pcook (pcook@fclsonline.org)
Subject: RE: board seat

I was going to personally call you today. This is fantastic news! Thank you so much!

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From: Sshelley <sshelley@fclsonline.org>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:35 PM
To: amarple@fclsonline.org; Pcook; Kristen Juve
Cc: Cjohnson; Angst, John; McClelland, Kristen; Haskins, Shari
Subject: Re: RE: RE: Minutes from Wednesday's meetings

Sorry, All, for being silent on this topic. I had an adverse reaction to my rheumatoid arthritis drug, which started the day after our meeting in Dubois, and is just now easing off. (blinding headache, dry heaves, non-stop sleep - yuk)

I received an email from Library Friend, Linda Bebout, in Riverton, seeking suggestions of good board candidates but since there are already two Rivertonites on the board, perhaps someone else from Lander could be encouraged? Or if Perry can continue for a few months, in whatever capacity she is able, that would be marvelous.

Linda did have two good suggestions, both Rivertonites, and I encouraged her to followup with them.

Thank you, Anita, for your diligent work on this issue and I look forward to Mr. Maxson's Memo.

I also confirmed today with Becky Enos that she got my letter requesting re-appointment. My fingers are crossed!

Sherry

From: Anita Marple (amarple@fclsonline.org)
Date: 06/12/2023 13:00
To: Pcook (pcook@fclsonline.org), Kristen Juve (juve_wy@yahoo.com)
Cc: Cjohnson (cjohnson@fclsonline.org), Angst, John (jangst@fclsonline.org), McClelland, Kristen (kimcclelland@fclsonline.org), Shelley, Sherry (sshelley@fclsonline.org), Haskins, Shari (shaskins@fclsonline.org)
Subject: RE: RE: Minutes from Wednesday's meetings

Thank you Perry and Kristen for forwarding emails. I believe I have all of them now.

My initial email to Nathan Maxon was last Wednesday while you all were in executive session, and he replied late that afternoon. The official RFO document went to him on Friday. He's on top of this, and I will forward his Memo as soon as I receive it.

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Becky Enos

From: J Angst <jdangst@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Pcook
Subject: Re: I need help....

Perry

I would encourage you stay on for at least a part of a new term. I would like to see Amy A sometime on the board.

Best,
JDA

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Pcook <pcook@fclsonline.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 7:05 PM
To: amarple@fclsonline.org; Kristen Juve
Cc: Carrie Johnson; John Angst; Kristen McClelland; Sherry Shelley
Subject: Re[2]: County Board vacancies

I am going off the Board.
Sherry you HAVE to stay on!
Perry

From: Anita Marple (amarple@fclsonline.org)
Date: 05/03/2023 16:04
To: Kristen Juve (juve_wy@yahoo.com)
Cc: Carrie Johnson (cjohnson@fclsonline.org), John Angst (jangst@fclsonline.org), Kristen McClelland (kmcclelland@fclsonline.org), Perry Cook (pcook@fclsonline.org), Sherry Shelley (sshelley@fclsonline.org)
Subject: RE: County Board vacancies

I just looked at the website. Actually, it's Perry's term that is also up at the end of June. Perry, you'll need to send a letter also.

I copied this from the website:

BOARD MEMBER	EMAIL	TERM EXPIRES
John Angst, Treasurer	jangst@fclsonline.org	6/30/2025
Perry Cook, Chair	pcook@fclsonline.org	6/30/2023
Carrie Johnson, Secretary	cjohnson@fclsonline.org	6/30/2025
Kristen McClelland, Vice-chair	kmcclelland@fclsonline.org	6/30/2024
Sherry Shelley	sshelley@fclsonline.org	6/30/2023



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From: Becky Enos [<mailto:becky.enos@fremontcountywy.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 2:53 PM

To: Polly Hinds <wyoingshepherdess@icloud.com>; amarple@fclsonline.org; Scott Goetz <scott.goetz@fremontcountywy.gov>; Steve Baumann <steve.baumann@fremontcountywy.gov>; admin@county10recboard.com; fcsydd@wyoming.com; Helen Wilson <hwilson@windriver.org>

Subject: County Board vacancies

Hi - see attached Display Ad that I will advertise as indicated. This is to inform you that you have a board vacancy. If the incumbent wishes to be re-appointed, they do not need to submit an application but a letter indicating their interest is requested and they will also be required to interview with the Commissioners.

Thanks for your help,

Becky Enos

Administrative Secretary

Fremont County Commissioners' Office

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