



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2012

(Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of April 5, 2012)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012 in the Koret Auditorium Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Ono and Nguyen.

Commissioners Kane and Randlett arrived at 4:51 pm.

Commissioner Munson arrived at 4:52 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, read the following statement: "Earlier today he filed an Immediate Disclosure Request with the Library, the Library Commission and the Arts Commission for any and all documents that show the Bernal Library Art Project or BLAP was actually a community process as represented. Now that taxpayer dollars are being approved for the project let us see how many in the community

had any say in the matter. A person selected by Supervisor Campos, secretly selected community members who met in secret at undisclosed locations on undisclosed dates, taking undisclosed actions, etc. etc. It has been apparent to me from the start that the entire process was handled in ways intended to knowingly and willfully evade any compliance with the Brown Act, the Sunshine Ordinance, or any other open government requirements. It was handled in ways to avoid any public participation, public input and/or public oversight. It's time to put up or shut up." He said regarding comments he made at a previous meeting, two San Francisco police inspectors showed up at his door based on a police report that was filed by a member of this body against him. He said he is going to wait until the investigation and get a copy of the report and read exactly what he has been accused of.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the two previous speakers have said some very significant and important things. He said what is going on at the Commission is very unfortunate and very sad for the library. He said the Bernal Heights Library mural, which is an historical, multicultural, musical mural which features Victor Jara, Holly Near and an African American singer on the front. He said that is now planned for complete destruction and replaced with new artwork. He said there has not been a discussion of the meaning and significance of the mural. He said he would like to know when the existing mural will be removed he said he would like to have an answer. He said he will give up his last 15 seconds for an answer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. FISCAL YEARS 2012-13 AND 2013-14 BUDGET

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this is an action item and they are asking for approval of the budget at this meeting. He said there are two explanatory documents for this item. He said one is a cover memo outlining revisions to the budget based on the recommendation by the Commission at the February 2, 2012 meeting. He said there is a reduction to the Teen Center design costs for FY13 by \$100,000 from the February 2 proposal. He said there is a reduced amount to the proposed increase in the Book and Materials Budget for FY14 by \$100,000 from the February 2 proposal. He said there is also a recommendation for an additional Monday day of service at the Portola Branch Library and a Sunday day of service at the Visitacion Valley Library which will cost \$217,995 in FY13 with ongoing costs in future fiscal years.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, explained the budget calendar and said as always the Library tries to prioritize core functions, seek efficiencies and contain labor costs. She said the projected Library Preservation Fund FY 13 revenue estimate is \$88.8 Million, for FY 14 \$92.3 Million. She said the Library Preservation Fund; fund balance is \$17.3 Million. She said the library has developed strategic priorities and other investments. She explained the tables in the presentation. She said she is going to highlight the changes since the February 2, 2012 presentation.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technical Services, explained the Library Collections budget enhancement. She said they are proposing a 5% increase in allocation over FY 12 in the book budget. She said they are proposing a 27% increase in allocation of FY 12 for eResources. She explained the budget enhancements breaking it out by youth and adult collections.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, said there are no changes to the digital strategy resource investments, the youth engagement resource investments, the strategic partnerships resource investments, and the diversity in programming resource investments from what was presented on February 2, 2012. She said there are changes to the Facilities budget under the Teen Center Design Development. She said they had previously asked for \$300,000 for FY 13 and they have now reduced that to \$200,000. She said there are no changes to the BLIP Post Occupancy Evaluation. She said there are no changes to the support services investments, efficiencies and other adjustments. She said the system automatically adjusts for personnel adjustments.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, explained the background of the hours of operations and said hours had increased from 2006 – 2012 by 12%. She said SFPL provides 1,314 operating hours weekly, 103 hours or 8.5% above the threshold requirement set by Prop D. She explained the cost estimates for expanded hours for various options.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, explained the summary of resource investments including the costs for expanded hours. She said the total budget for FY 13 would be 91.58 Million and reducing the Library Preservation Fund by \$890,000. She said for FY 14 the total budget is estimated to be \$94.3 Million which would require the use of approximately \$130,000 from the Library Preservation Fund. She explained the Draft Five Year Forecast with anticipated changes. She said the columns in the chart are comparing each year to the base year. She said budget impacts from the City include open labor contracts, retiree health cost adjustments and additional work order changes. She said the Budget will be submitted to the Controller and Mayor on February 21, budget negotiations and approval will be March through June and the full Board of Supervisors budget approval is expected in July 2012.

Explanatory documents: [Memo from the City Librarian on FY 2013 and FY 2014 Budget Proposal Revisions](#); and [FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 budget presentation](#).

Public Comment

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said Alfred Fuhrman did not give his money to the library, he gave it to the city with the stipulation that the Library Commissioners would be the trustees with prescribed specific terms, so that the commissioners could independently exercise their judgment to make sure those terms were being followed. He said the Commission never does that. He said in the past the Commission approved expenditures from the Fuhrman fund once a month. He said the Commission abuses the terms and the issue has never come before you. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, read the following statement: "My concern over the Library Commission's budget approval process has always been over process rather than content. This year the budget was presented on a timely basis, giving the Commission members time to ask questions and get answers. The presentations were done in ways that more clearly gave information that Commission members could consider, in full view of the public, in deciding the priorities of the Library over the next two years. It also considered, again in full view of the public, a five year projection of where the Library is going in regard to its finances. As I've said previously, the only thing missing is a comparison of some prior year budget projections and actual expenditures for those same years to see how closely the prior year projections came to the actually budget outcomes. I have only one remaining question: was this orderly and open process really that bad?"

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said thank you for the presentation and there are other ways to highlight to make it easier to copy in black and white. He said it is not clear to him why the books and material budget has to go down from the increase that was originally proposed. He said in the past the priorities were books and materials, open hours and technology. He said the strategic priorities here are much blurrier. He said there are some things in the report that are unclear.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Randlett said she wanted to commend the Librarian, Deputy City Librarian and Chief Financial Officer for the clear presentation. She said clearly the public understands the presentation better. She said the strategic priorities seem pretty clear to her.

Commissioner Kane said thank you to the staff for finding a way to add an additional open day to two of our branches.

Commissioner Ono asked about the amount in the budget for the teen center design.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian explained that the funding for the teen center design is a hold for that money. She said at this point they are not sure of the exact cost.

Commissioner Breyer asked for more clarity on the adult versus youth circulation numbers.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technical Services, said as of December 31, 2011, 36% of our circulation was for children and teen materials and 64% was adult materials. She said the additional money in the budget includes non circulating materials for research.

Commissioner Breyer said there was a farewell gathering for Brian Bannon and he wanted to thank Brian again for his service. He said it is a proud moment for the library that other cities are interested in our people.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that Brian Bannon's legacy will last at least several years because part of the budget and digital strategy have a lot to do with his contributions. He said some of the adjustments in the budget are due to adding the additional hours. He said when we go out to review the hours next year we can come back with any adjustments that need to be made.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the additional hours for Portola and Visitacion Valley.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said they looked at branches that have high need and lower services.

President Gomez asked if the City budget issues will be brought back to us.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said budget updates will be brought back to the Commission regularly during the budget process.

Commissioner Munson said we have to be flexible and keep an eye on the Library Preservation Fund.

President Gomez thanked the Commissioners who were present for all of the budget meetings. She said the process was very similar to the process that we have had in the past and similar to what the Commissioners can expect in the future.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Randlett to approve the FYs 13 and FY 14 budget as presented.

Action: AYES 7-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen, Ono and Randlett).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (BLIP) BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION TO FUND THE NORTH BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this is a discussion and possible action item on budget transfers and supplemental appropriation resolution to fund the North Beach library Project as detailed in his memo dated February 13, 2012.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said BLIP Program Management has identified the following project and program wide savings that may now be transferred to the BLIP Program Reserve: Anza \$786,324, Golden Gate Valley \$1,192,474, Park \$66,299, Presidio \$126,289, Visitacion Valley \$435,792 and Furniture, Fixture and Equipment Reserve \$273,200 for a total to be transferred to the program reserve of \$2,885.68 making the total Program Reserve \$5,841,074. She said the North Beach Branch library has gone through a very long process and based upon a 95% design estimate, the BLIP management team recommends approval of a revised project budget for the North Beach Branch Library project of \$14,548,574.

Maureen Singleton, Chief Financial Officer, explained the breakdown of the estimated budget line items for the North Beach Branch Library. She said the approved budget is for \$3,500,000 which means an additional \$11,048,574 is needed to reach the proposed budget. She said there is \$4,788,832 available in the BLIP Program Reserve. She said also available is the interest earnings from the BLIP General Obligation Bond at \$481,000. She said additionally they will need the Library Preservation Fund, fund balance of \$5,778,742. She said those sources total up to the \$11,048,574 needed for the project. She said the current Library Preservation Fund balance is \$17.3 Million and if \$5,778,742 is transferred for the North Beach Branch project that will leave a remaining fund balance of \$11,528,695. She said in order for the library to get the Library Preservation Fund Balance Monies and General Obligation Bond Interest Proceeds there is a resolution that the Commission would need to adopt asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the appropriation. She said the final action tonight would be to transfer the remaining amount in the program reserve, which is \$1,052,242 and allocate \$300,000 of that to the City Attorney's Office for Attorney fees and \$752,242 to the BLIP Program Management. She there was a discussion of the needs for the increase of the BLIP Program Management budget at the December 15, 2012 meeting.

Luis Herrera said this is actually a three-fold action.

Explanatory Document: [Memo from the City Librarian dated February 13, 2012 on BLIP budget transfers; Supplemental Appropriation Resolution to fund the North Beach Branch Library; Appropriation Resolution presentation.](#)

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the library was forced to provide additional documentation as explanatory documents so that there can be some

oversight. He said there is no clarity whether this incorporates the budget transfers that have already taken place over the past year. He said the direction of a transfer determines whether it is a negative or positive figure. He said the approved budget for Furniture and Fixtures was \$16 Million. He said the \$273,200 figure is what was already spent from the Library Preservation Fund so he said what you are calling a savings was in fact a cost overrun to start with. He said the \$16 Million is the funny figure that was supposed to come from the Friends. He said there is no disclosure regarding whether the City Attorney costs are exclusively BLIP related. He said we have now reached the point where the BLIP reserve and Library Preservation Fund reserves are interchangeable. He said we have reached the point of bait-and-switch. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Judson True, Supervisor David Chiu's Office, said he wanted to show the Supervisor's support for the North Beach Branch project and for the supplemental and he said President Chiu is willing to introduce this supplemental at an upcoming Board meeting. He said this branch has been a long time coming and Supervisor Chiu is anxious as is the community to see it built.

Karen Mauney-Brodek, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, Planning Division, said the Recreation and Parks Department is very excited and hopeful about the creation of this amazing civic space and partnership with the library. She said it will do what it has also done with Ortega and West Sunset with the new playground. She said she looks forward to continuing to work with the team on this very exciting project.

Cathy Cormier said she is the Mission Bay Branch Manager, but today she is speaking as a private citizen. She said she has been a resident of North Beach for the last 20 years and she has two children. She said she urges the Commission to approve the revised project budget and supplemental appropriation resolution. She said after 15 years of hard work by many community members and respected professionals; we finally have the chance of making the dream of a new branch in North Beach a reality.

Meghan Monahan, North Beach resident, said she urges the Commission to approve this action.

A woman from the North Beach area strongly supports the new North Beach Branch and urges the Commission to approve this action.

Julie Christensen, said 65 years ago North Beach was identified as the most needed neighborhood for a branch library and 10 years later the library was opened. She said it shouldn't be a surprise that it has been at least 10 years in the planning for this new branch. She said it is unfortunate that a few people have continued to fight the branch and the price has risen. She said the neighbors look forward to this project being complete and she thanked the Commission for their support.

Ruth Maginnis, on behalf of the Council of Neighborhood Libraries (CNL), strongly supports the approval of this motion because the North Beach Branch has been pushed to the back of the list. She said the CNL hopes the Commission will support this action.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said once the 2007 bond came through the Ortega Branch went from a remodel to a new building at triple the cost, Bayview similarly went to a new building at more than double the cost and North Beach, where the original budget was \$2.8 Million has gone to \$14.5 Million, more than four times the original cost. He said this was not at all an uncontested change in plan. He said many people had objections for a variety of reasons. He said the transfers today include \$66,000 from the Park Branch, a branch the library claimed it did not have enough money for a storefront to keep the branch open during renovation. He said he hoped the Commission would ask about the transfer of money to the City Attorney's office.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said we are trying to build something here rather than just patch something up. He said he thoroughly endorses this.

Commissioner Randlett said it is unfortunate in this instance that there is litigation but she said she is resolved that we are going to have absolute equity when it comes to public resources in this city and the fact that we have provided other communities new libraries that are places that people love to come to and have become the center of those communities, and that we are not going to stop short or be deterred from providing North Beach with a branch they can be proud of.

Commissioner Ono said the budget for the North Beach Branch is based on 95% construction drawings. She asked when it would be 100%.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said we use the professional expertise we have in the City to come up with cost estimates. She said the true test comes at the time we go out to bid. She said the bid process takes a month to a month and a half.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the differences between the 50% drawings and this point was very small.

Commissioner Ono asked about the A&E and program costs.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said A&E is Architectural and Engineering and program costs are related to staffing.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said program costs include reproduction, bid advertisement, contingency and other costs.

Commissioner Breyer asked if the City Attorney costs are related to the lawsuit on North Beach.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the City Attorney costs are a placeholder and we are hoping that it will not be that much.

Commissioner Breyer thanked Judson True from Supervisor David Chiu's office. He said David Chiu has done an outstanding job championing this project along with all the members of the community who support it.

Commissioner Kane said we are lucky to be able to make the transfer of the savings from the other projects. He said Lena and DPW have done a fantastic job in managing these projects. He said this recommendation is important because we are transferring money from the Library Preservation Fund, which is designed to be for library services, so we need to understand that this money could go into hours, services, books, etc., so we are making a choice to do this. He said the BLIP is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we have supported a new branch or improvements to a branch to make sure that we have first class branches for the next generation of library users. He said it is important that we make that investment. He said one of the transfers is for the BLIP Program Management. He said this number seems higher than the previous time we discussed this.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said the number for program management is based on their understanding of the duration for the North Beach branch. She said they are hoping the project will be completed by June, 2014 and time to close out the entire program. She said this amount is a 7% increase over the amount that was presented to the Commission in October.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this amount is approximately \$47,000 higher than the previous amount and that it could be reduced back to the original amount.

Commissioner Randlett said the money was well spent on the close out of the other projects because they found a lot of money that they saved.

Commissioner Kane said we have been struggling with soft costs all along in this program. He said he would like to see a regular report on these costs as part of the Bond Program Manager's report in the future.

Commissioner Randlett left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he agrees with Commissioner Kane and we are working with DPW on the soft costs to try to contain them. He said the Bayview and the North Beach project have inherent complexities that are now requiring a lot more intensive oversight. He said they continue to have weekly meetings with DPW to look at these costs. He said hopefully there will be some additional savings from some of the other projects that are closing out. He said the BLIP program has had several watershed moments and this is one of them.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to approve the transfer of savings from Anza, Golden Gate Valley, Park, Presidio, Visitacion Valley and the furniture, fixture and equipment reserve in the amount of \$2,880,568 to the Program Reserve; to approve the revised North Beach project budget of \$14,548,574 along with the supplemental appropriation resolution of \$6,259,742 of General Obligation Bond proceed interest earnings and LPF fund balance monies; and to approve the transfer \$1,052,242 of Program Reserve Funds in the amount of \$300,000 to the City Attorney budget and \$752,242 to the BLIP Program Management budget.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono)

Commissioner Nguyen left the meeting at 6:18 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said the approved budget is \$189,999,608 as of August 18, 2011. She said there are 22 branches complete and open, the Bayview Branch is in construction and the North Beach branch is in design moving forward into the bid phase. She showed photographs of the Bayview Branch construction. She said the City workforce goal is 50% of new hires for each trade. She said the current report shows 62%. She said 42% is from District 10 or Zip code 92104. She said they anticipate going out to bid in March – April 2012 for the North Beach Branch. She said the City agencies and utilities are performing construction near or at the site of the North Beach Library. She said this is in anticipation of the library construction. She showed design and site plans for the completed design for the North Beach branch.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said on the Financial Report it now shows the financial contribution by the Friends of the Library for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.

Explanatory document: [BLIP Manager's Report](#)

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said he is sure there will be a study sometime about how you take a project like this and at each juncture you ask people to choose the best of a choice of very bad options and then end up comparing apples to apple vinegar. He said telling the neighbors that the choice is nothing at all is actually one of the cruelest manipulations of all. He said there is any number of people who wanted something better. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said thank you for the report. He said thank you to the Library Administration for giving us a large size spreadsheet. He said there was a comment made

about equity about the previous item and he said when you look at the chart he does not see the issue. He asked if for seven years what was previously proposed was inequitable and inferior. He said he does not think that is correct. He said many of the branches have cost far less both to renovate and build new branches. He said North Beach by far is the most expensive project. He said the library will be paying for this at the cost to services for many years to come.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Gomez thanked the architect for sticking through this process and being available and staying through the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2012

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said these minutes were supposed to come up last time. He said there are good things but there are two instances where the point was lost by omitting what might be embarrassing or challenging to you. He said on page one, it mentions that the Commission has gone into Puritan mode. He said there is no mention that this is an accusation of hypocrisy because you do that when a non commissioner uses ‘le mot de Coulter,’ but not for yourselves. He said hypocrisy explains everything in that comment. He said on page 10 his referral to Commissioner Nguyen’s admission of an illegal meeting was omitted. He said Mr. Nguyen’s response was “There is no such thing as an illegal meeting, it was purely a briefing.” He said he read this comment to the Ethics Commission and he thinks that they were more shocked at this than his parallel comment that Jewelle Gomez is still the Commission’s president. He said under the law a meeting to acquire information is just as illegal as every other sort of meeting and this comment is not represented in these minutes. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he agrees with the previous speaker. He said on page one under public comment he referenced the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force’s (SOTF) order that the 150 word summaries not be placed at the back of the minutes. He said he had said that the SOTF said that they could not be appended to the Minutes. He said on page two his comments about the SOTF’s ruling against the Arts Commission on the Bernal mural did not mention that it was a 9-0 unanimous vote to find the violation. He said on page two BLIP schedules he would like to see clarity to his remarks and would like it to read “He said it seems it would have been an easier time if you had gone with the renovation and not a new building plan as in the original bond program.” He said it should read that “He said these new building projects are vastly more expensive than renovations.” He said there were other areas that need clarity.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said earlier today he submitted the Sunshine Task Force Order of Determination for Case number 110071 Ray Hartz v. City Attorney Dennis Herrera for inclusion in today's record. He said he also asked that each member receive a copy of this for their consideration. He said he wanted this to be added to the record regarding the 150 word statement in which the Commission and the City Librarian have been found in violation by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. He said he is always amazed at how he is represented in the minutes and how incapable he seems at forming a complete thought, making an intelligent statement or communicating effectively. He said the one thing that is consistent is the repeated removal of any of his dissenting statements. He said you should go upstairs, get a dictionary and look up the word censorship. He said he has started to put in the 150 word statements because he was tired of seeing his dissenting statements misrepresented in the body of the minutes. He said the substitution of your representation and sometimes misrepresentation of what I have said is a complete violation of my constitutional rights. He said now the City Attorney has been held in violation for advising you on how to prepare the minutes.

Explanatory document: [Order of Determination](#)

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono, to approve the Minutes of [December 15, 2011](#).

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he thinks you are not doing your job allowing these meetings to adjourn without the customary and usual New Business on the agenda. He said you are allowing yourselves to be silenced and not doing your job as Commissioners to use your talents, skills and understanding. He said you are letting down the citizens and your appointing authority to allow yourselves to sit here meeting after meeting without any say whatsoever.

Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Munson to adjourn the regular meeting of February 16, 2012.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Ono and Randlett)

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the commission secretary/custodian of records, 6th floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library's website <http://sfpl.org>. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to library commissioners prior to or during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).

ADDENDUM

These summary statements are provided by the speaker: Their contents are neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the San Francisco Public Library Commission.

Item 1: General Public Comment

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Item 2: Fiscal Years 2012-13 and 2013-14 Budget

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Item 3: Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) Budget Transfers and Supplemental Appropriation Resolution to fund the North Beach Branch Library

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Item 4: Bond Program Manager's Report

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Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (December 15, 2011)

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