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Re: Livingston Parish Library Board
Open Meeting Complaint 2024-42
Moody File No. 3668.1380

Dear Mr Matte,

The agenda in question specifically listed "Annual Performance Evaluation of the Livingston Parish Library Director" to be held in executive session. It is the position of the Board that such a performance evaluation would reasonably include any action the Board might feel appropriate based upon that evaluation, and that notice of the performance evaluation also constituted sufficient notice of any such potential resulting action based upon the evaluation.

The link to the video of the meeting in question is as follows:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGtGkOkzhRE>.

The following are the key timestamps from the July 15, 2025 meeting that clarify what was said on the record about public comment and potential board actions. These may help contextualize the procedural handling and public expectations.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- **00:06:47** –Board President Jennifer Dorhauer cites policy stating that public comment is reserved for agenda items that involve a vote, thereby excluding the executive session item.
- **00:08:10** – Pastor Brian Gunter offers public comment urging the Board to pursue new leadership that avoids controversy, supports children, and removes inappropriate content.
- **00:09:56** – Pastor Gunter further warns that continuing with the same leadership will lead to increased public turnout and overcrowded meetings.



Executive Session Discussion:

- **01:37:45** – Board Member Jonathan Davis clarifies that if a motion is made after executive session, the public would be able to return and offer comment before a vote.
- **01:37:50** – Board Attorney Mr. Moody affirms that any motion would need to be limited in scope.
- **01:37:53** – President Dorhauer reiterates that if any motion were made, it would have to be narrowly tailored.
- **01:38:03** – Jonathan Davis, responding to a procedural question, confirms that no new item could be added to the agenda, and restates that any motion would need to pertain strictly to the executive session evaluation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Moody

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