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Urban Libraries Council Announces New Board of Directors Officers and Members

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Urban Libraries Council elected its 2023-2024 Board of Directors during its Annual Member Business Meeting. ULC members elected four newly named Board officers, including:

- **Roosevelt Weeks** (Director, Austin Public Library) as Chair
- **Pilar Martinez** (Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Public Library) as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
- **Michelle VonderHaar** (Chief Legal Officer, Tenable) as Secretary/Treasurer
- **Karl Dean** (Former Mayor, Nashville) as Immediate Past Chair

In addition to the new officers, ULC welcomed five new members to the Board of Directors, who will be serving two-year terms, including:

- **Brian Bannon** (Merryl & James Tisch Director, New York Public Library)
- **Misty Jones** (Director, San Diego Public Library)
- **Jennie Pu** (Director, Hoboken Public Library)
- **Alim Remtulla** (Director of Sales Enablement, Telus Communications; Board Chair, Toronto Public Library)
- **Catherine Strauss** (Managing Partner, Ice Miller; Board of Trustees President, Columbus Metropolitan Library)

“ULC is privileged to welcome this group of visionary leaders to our Board of Directors,” said ULC President and CEO Brooks Rainwater. “Our newly elected officers and members bring a combination of expert knowledge and deep commitment to public libraries. I am excited to work closely with our new Board members and continue ULC’s critical work of promoting the value and importance of public libraries.”

Biographical information about the ULC Board officers and members can be found at urbanlibraries.org.



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About the Urban Libraries Council

The Urban Libraries Council is an innovation and impact tank of North America's leading public library systems. ULC drives cutting-edge research and strategic partnerships to elevate the power of libraries as essential, transformative institutions. More than 160 urban member libraries in the U.S. and Canada rely on ULC to identify significant challenges facing today's communities and provide new tools and techniques to help libraries achieve stronger outcomes in education, digital equity, workforce and economic development, and race and social equity.