



**State Library Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 24, 2022  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** 1500 Senate St.

**Board Member Attendance:**

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Ms. Martha Murtiashaw, Chair	Present
Ms. Deborah Hyler, Member	Present
Ms. Anna Claire Dando, Member	Present
Ms. Loretta Green, Member	Present
Mr. Marty McKenzie, Member	Present
Ms. Alanna Wildman, Member	Present
Mr. Mark Herring, Member	Present

**Other Attendees:** Ms. Leesa Aiken, SCSL, Ms. Breanne Smith, SCSL **Board Business and Approval of Minutes**

1. Motion: Martha Murtiashaw called the meeting to order. Marty McKenzie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 27, 2022 board meeting with one correction. Alanna Wildman seconded the motion; all present approved the minutes with one correction.

**II. Director Report**

Agency Administration

1. Aiken discussed the House and Senate budget deliberations.
2. Aiken discussed the meeting schedule with the Legislative Oversight Committee.
3. The LSTA 5 Year Evaluation conducted by Quality Metrics is complete and will be submitted by March 30.
4. Aiken discussed strategic planning for the next fiscal year.

Projects and Programs

1. Aiken discussed the focus on working with institutional libraries in the future. Book donations have helped to initiate partnerships. Staff will be meeting with the SC Department of Mental Health to discuss a potential partnership.

2. The State Library is working with Palmetto Care Connections on a pilot program for telehealth. The programs offered through Palmetto Care Connections are senior focused using digital literacy and telehealth.
3. Aiken discussed the partnership between SCSL and Department of Education. The State Library is working on new ways to reach teachers directly about tutor.com including direct emails. Aiken discussed the vetting procedure used by tutor.com to evaluate their tutors. DOE has give the State Library \$500,000 to be used over the next 3 years to allow 24/7 access to tutor.com. The State Library is working on promotional videos and press kits to be used to promote tutor.com.
4. Aiken discussed a partnership between SCLS and Commission on Minority Affairs. We will host a joint webinar to discuss how to better serve recently incarcerated individuals. SCSL was recently featured in the CMA newsletter Cultural Connection.
5. The Vision Education Partnership has 9 agencies, with 7 being active. This group allows for partnerships and opportunities to learn. It allows SCSL to expand our reach in Talking Book Services and offer programs to better serve visually impaired and blind patrons.
6. Aiken will be a guest lecturer for EDVI 610 at USC Upstate. The course teaches teachers who will work with visually impaired students. Aiken will discuss the technology petting zoo and expanding services and programs.
7. SCSL staff have created a resource guide for the general public and legislators. Infographics were created for each county with public library statistics. There has been positive feedback from the General Assembly and its staff.
8. Aiken discussed the new webinar series “Discover the South Carolina State Library.” This series allows patrons to learn about SCSL resources and how to use them.
9. 23 counties have received AWE Learning Stations using ARPA funds provided by the State Library. The stations are for Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students and features preloaded games and information to teach children about literacy.
10. Access Preservation is assisting with the SCSL National Register nomination.
11. Our new TBS studio manager is starting to work with volunteers. He recently recorded a children’s book using sounds and music. This is part of a pilot program to expand the offerings to TBS patrons who are children.
12. Six counties received Impact Grant awards.
13. Dawn Mullin’s Grant classes continue to be popular with an average of 50 people attending.
14. Board training has resumed with public libraries.
15. New subjects have been added to tutor.com including nursing, allied health, and IB prep.
16. Linda Heimburger has presented to several schools recently including SC Connections Academy, Christian Academy of Myrtle Beach, and South Carolina Association of School Libraries.

### **III. Personnel**

1. Aiken discussed two new employees, Luna Velez, Human Resource Generalist, and Jennifer Falvey, TBS Director.
2. There are 3 vacancies within the agency for Grants Administrator, and 2 Trainer positions.
3. The first floor staff received a nice compliment from the SC Supreme Court Library after assisting with a reference question.

**IV. Upcoming Events**

1. The SC Writing Contest will be March 26<sup>th</sup>. 50 families have RSVP'd. This contest is a combination of Young Minds Dreaming and Letters about Literature contests.
2. The Read-In is scheduled for April 7. There is a 1,000 student cap this year and there will be a virtual component so that more students can participate. The event will be recorded.
3. The Annual TBS Art Gallery is postponed and will have a new date soon.
4. The Notable State Documents Awards will be April 13. The winners will be published online. This is an important ceremony because it is one of the few places that state employees are recognized and awarded.

**V. Public Libraries**

1. There are 3 director vacancies in Lee County, Lancaster, and Dillon.

**VI. APLA Report**

1. Land was absent. Aiken mentioned that APLA plans to hire a legislative lobbyist. Jim Johnson is the current lobbyist and a bid has been put out for a lobbyist firm.

**VII. Finance**

1. Aiken discussed the SCSL Financial Report. ARPA funds are being spent and the deadline to spend the funds is September 30, 2022.

**VIII. Adjourn**

1. Marty McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alanna Wildman seconded the motion and all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2022

**Attachments:** Board Minutes 3/24/22, SCSL Budget Report