



**State Library Board
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 23, 2021
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting

Board Member Attendance:

Ms. Martha Murtiashaw, Chair	Present
Ms. Deborah Hyler, Member	Absent
Mr. Walter Caudle, 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

I. Board Business and Approval of Minutes

1. Motion: Martha Murtiashaw called the meeting to order. Alanna Wildman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 22 board meeting. Marty McKenzie seconded the motion; all present approved the minutes.
2. Motion: Walter Caudle made a motion to adopt the Limited English Proficiency policy. Marty McKenzie seconded the motion; all present approved the Limited English Proficiency policy. With unanimous consent, the Limited English Proficiency policy was adopted by the board.
3. A board training will be scheduled in the coming months.

II. Director Report

A. Agency Administration

1. Aiken discussed the Build America's Libraries Act. She asked the Board to reach out to their representatives and ask them to support funding of this bill.
2. Aiken discussed funding that is being allocated by the SRS & ARP Appropriations Ad Hoc Committee and Rep. Cobb-Hunter's support of libraries.
3. Aiken discussed the Access Technology Affordability Act and asked the Board to reach out to their representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the bill.

4. Aiken discussed the legislative agenda for FY23. APLA is requesting that the State Aid minimum be increased to \$150,000. Aiken is requesting that .25 increase in State Aid be moved from lottery to recurring. SCSL is not asking for any additional funding this year.
5. The State Library will be presenting to the Legislative Oversight Committee beginning in mid-October. This is a long process that will cover every project that the agency has worked on for the past 3 years.
6. The State Library has issued 62 ARPA subgrants totaling \$1.25 million to county libraries. Aiken is urging all counties to apply for this funding.
7. The Accountability Report has been completed for this year and sent to the Board Chair for signature.
8. State Library staff presented at the Certified Public Managers Orientation.
9. DISCUS has a new website.
10. The IMLS Five Year Evaluation will begin soon and a vendor has been selected to help with the evaluation and planning.
11. The Summer Reading statistics are now available. There were 102,857 total registered participants and 3,328,000 total items circulated between 6/1/21 and 8/31/21.
12. TBS statistics for this month are 5,589 total patron downloads and 7,688 physical items circulated.
13. Teaching Books will be added to SCSL electronic resources. The plan is to integrate the program with the Learning Management System purchased by the Department of Education.
14. 40 people attended the Emergency Preparedness Summit. The turnout was much lower than expected due to Covid.
15. RIPL workshop has been cancelled again and will be rescheduled in the Spring.
16. Aiken is on the COSLA Equity Diversity Inclusion Committee. The committee is working on developing policies and practices, and sharing resources.
17. Aiken is on the First Five Committee. The goal of the group is to compile all resources for DSS, DHEC, First Steps, and other state agencies into one place. The Committee also discusses how broadband funds should be spent in the State.
18. USC Law students volunteered to help SCSL clean up the subbasement.
19. SCSL staff are on the Lt. Governor's Office of Aging Social Isolation Task Force. Staff are working to create dementia kits.
20. SCSL was awarded a National Leadership Grant. South Carolina, New Jersey, and Texas will work together to make resources available for tribal libraries.
21. A news story highlighted the AccessSC project in Marlboro County. The story featured a nurse who was able to complete nursing school using a hotspot device provided by her local library.
22. SCSL has established a new community partnership in Lake City. The project is an oral history project about Lake City.
23. SCSL has partnered with DNR to scan SC Wildlife magazine from 1954-2020.
24. Aiken discussed Project Ready which features free online professional development modules for school and public librarians use. The content focuses on improving relationships with, services to, and resources for youth of color and Native youth.

25. SCSL partnered with the National Endowment for the Humanities to feature a downloadable educational exhibition that presents the history of 9/11.
26. Aiken has been invited to speak at the Rotary District Literacy Committee meeting. The committee focuses on promotion & improvement in early childhood literacy. Molly Spearman has also been asked to speak.
27. 2 grants webinars are being offered by SCSL.
28. SCSL will be hosting another sign language webinar. The webinar has been very popular.
29. Aiken is considering purchasing Analytics on Demand again. It's a program that collects community data which can be used for construction of libraries, expansions, etc.
30. Aiken sent out a construction survey to public libraries. There have been 34 responses. The information will be used for the Build America's Libraries Act and other statistical information for committee to determine how money will be spent.
31. Aiken discussed the possibility of offering private telehealth areas in libraries, particularly rural libraries. This may be something that could be funded by the Build America's Libraries Act.

III. Personnel

1. Aiken announced that Ron Whitten, TBS Studio Manager, is retiring.
2. Ellen Dunn has been promoted to Communications Director.
3. Leigh Ramey has been hired as the new Youth Services Consultant.
4. There are openings for Library Development consultants and a 1st floor reference librarian.

IV. Travel and Meetings

1. Travel will be resumed in moderation. Staff will be using virtual options when available. Library consultants will be resuming in state travel.

V. Public Libraries

1. There are 2 director vacancies in Lee County and Lancaster.

VI. Finance

1. Aiken discussed the SCSL Financial Report; no changes were suggested.

VII. Adjourn

1. Mark Herring made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Martha Murtiashaw seconded the motion and all approved. The next Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021.

Attachments: Board Minutes 07/22/21, SCSL Budget Report