



**State Library Board
Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 26, 2023
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: 1500 Senate St.

Board Member Attendance:

Ms. Alanna Wildman, Chair	Absent
Ms. Deborah Hyler, Member	Absent
Ms. Anna Claire Dando, Member	Present
Ms. Loretta Green, Member	Present
Ms. Jennifer Cunningham, Member	Present
Ms. Andrea Kelly, Member	Absent
Mr. Mark Herring, Member	Present

Other Attendees: Ms. Leesa Aiken, SCSL, Ms. Breanne Smith, SCSL, Mr. Chris Yates, SCLS, Laurel Sharp, APLA

Board Business and Approval of Minutes

1. Motion: Anna Claire Dando made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2022 board meeting. Jennifer Cunningham seconded the motion; all present approved the minutes.

II. Director Report
Agency Administration

1. The House Ways and Means budget hearing was scheduled for January 18. The State Library had two budget requests to include \$938,000 in salary and fringe, which was approved by DSHR and the Governor. The second request was for \$150,000 for digitization. Aiken will send a link to the presentation, which focused on South Carolina history and the State Library's state documents collection. The presentation went very well. Chairman Whitmire is a former history teacher. Aiken has advised public libraries to focus on their South Carolina rooms and collections. The Senate Finance presentation will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
2. Aiken will be attending COSLA legislative day in March and meeting with Members of Congress.

3. The Finance Department is closing out the ARPA grant. The spending deadline is March 31. The State Library provided emergency preparedness kits grants to public libraries using ARPA funds. The State Library also provided AWE computers to many libraries. Finance is closing out the LSTA 21 grant that ends in March. This is the heaviest grant cycle we have ever had. Four impact grants were awarded for FY22.
4. Aiken mentioned that the State Library is in the process of completing the state survey for the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
5. The State Library's digitization efforts were featured in the SC Wildlife Magazine. The project is celebrating the 70th year of SC Wildlife Magazine. Aiken mentioned that Joey Frazier, the editor, records for the TBS program.
6. The Read-In is coming with anticipated attendance of 2,500-3,000 kids. This is a great opportunity for kids to see the State House. Cocky will be there, Dewey, the new SCSL mascot, and SmartCat.
7. The SC Summit on Early Childhood took place in December. It was a great opportunity to discuss engaging with your public library and discussing the needs of teachers and educators. There were 1500 people in attendance. Aiken moderated a panel at the event.
8. The State Library purchased Gale Analytics for public libraries. This tool provides statistical information to public libraries and identifies information by age, gender, household size, library users, etc. This will be helpful to support construction and renovation projects. It will also assist South Carolina when utilizing the money available through the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Act (BEAD) funding which is allocated to anchor institutions to provide and expand broadband in South Carolina. The tool can also be used to aid in targeted mailings to engage specific library users. Public libraries are extremely excited to receive this product. The cost of the product was \$131,000.
9. The State Library has selected a new summer reading vendor-Beanstack. Beanstack is a much more robust system and will be easier for public library staff and patrons to use. It also has a mobile app, which will aid in usage.
10. SCLENDS is moving to a new ILS system, SirsiDynix. Abbeville and Newberry will be joining SCLends after it is established in the new platform.
11. The Cecil Williams Unforgettable traveling exhibit is in Chester for three months. Mr. Williams is speaking at the library on February 4.
12. TBS recorded 4 children's books with sound. The last book features a multi character format. The SCSL is a pilot library for this type of recording. These books have been accepted by the National Library of Congress.
13. TBS presented at the Palmetto Senior Expo. TBS is adding 4 new magazines to the collections of recordings.
14. The State Library made an offer for one of the Discus training coordinator positions. The candidate is a previous elementary school teacher and starts February 13. The focus of this trainer will be on specific patron people in an effort to engage more users. There is one more open position for Discus Training Coordinator. These positions were added by Aiken in an effort to publicize Discus resources more thoroughly.
15. Desire'e Thomas has been promoted to Collection Development Librarian.

16. Allie Lovette accepted a new position at the SCSL; she will be moving from a Reader Advisor in TBS to a State Documents Cataloger.
17. Sarah Pettus has been working in the Collection Development department and has done an excellent job, she has been promoted to a team lead position. This is a great opportunity for Sarah to learn management and leadership skills and assist Ms. Pierce with the large Library Services and Resources Department.
18. The Notable State Documents program will be held in March. The intention of the program is to recognize the works of state agencies and their contributions to South Carolina. This program is very important to state employees and agencies. We are looking forward to hosting the program.
19. Public Library Director vacancies exist in York, Cherokee, Marion, and Chesterfield.
20. Aiken has been working with Abbeville County Library recently. Faith Line is working in Abbeville as Interim Director. Faith is a retired director and she has been wonderful. Aiken assisted Abbeville in ordering books for their multilingual collection.
21. Holly Cockfield is the new Public Library Director for Clarendon County.
22. The Dorchester County Public Library has several construction projects in the works. Caroline Smith, Library Development Consultant will be working with them on these and other projects.
23. Aiken has been working directly with the Marion County Public Library Board as they search for a new director.
24. Aiken discussed an issue related to public libraries and who is in charge of the library – the county or the Library Board. Legislation exists which clearly documents the control of the library is the responsibility of the Public Library Director, hired by the Library Board. The County has does not have the ability to run the library. Several Attorney General opinions also exist on this matter.

III. APLA Report

Laurel Sharp discussed how APLA is working to assist in requesting the General Assembly to support the State Library budget requests.

IV. Finance

Aiken discussed the financial report. The budget is on target for this time of year, with nothing of merit to highlight.

V. Adjourn

1. Anna Claire made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mark Herring seconded the motion and all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023

Attachments: Board Minutes 1/26/23, SCSL Budget Report