



**State Library Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 25, 2023  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** 1500 Senate St.

**Board Member Attendance:**

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

**Other Attendees:** Ms. Leesa Aiken, SCSL, Ms. Breanne Smith, SCSL, Laurel Sharp, APLA

**Board Business and Approval of Minutes**

1. Motion: Anna Claire Dando made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 board meeting. Debbie Hyler seconded the motion; all present approved the minutes.

**II. Director Report**  
Agency Administration

1. Aiken attended COSLA Legislative Day and met with congressional staff to discuss libraries in South Carolina. Aiken shared State Library resources that many of the staffers found helpful.
2. The State Library is currently working on the Annual Report which covers FY23.
3. The State Library is expanding the capability of the Onbase software, currently used for budgeting, to include a portal for concept papers and project management.
4. Aiken discussed her budget presentation to the Senate.
5. The FY24 budget includes \$150,000 for digitization, \$300,000 for personnel, \$350,000 for a bookmobile in Orangeburg, and \$100,000 for a library in Turbeville.

6. Aiken proposed changing the schedule of Board meetings to 4 times a year. The Board will vote at the next scheduled meeting.
7. Aiken reminded the Board to submit their Statement of Economic Interest forms by the deadline of March 30.
8. The State Library has been receiving a large amount of press in the recent months including news articles about the Notable State Documents Awards Ceremony and the TBS Art Gallery.
9. The State Library will be debuting a new website in June.

### Partnerships

10. Aiken and Deputy Director Chris Yates attended COSLA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. and were able to meet with legislative staff to share resources and information.
11. The State Library hosted the USC Deans and Directors Awards Ceremony. The new Dean of the School of Information Science, Dr. Lyda McCartin, was in attendance.
12. Aiken was a guest speaker at the FOSCL Annual Conference.
13. The State Library hosted a press conference for First Five to debut the new common application. Aiken has been a participant in the First Five group.
14. A representative from Family Search visited Columbia and toured the State Library. Aiken discussed the genealogy resources available through the State Library.
15. The State Library donated weeded books and materials to the DDSN residential facility, Midlands Center.
16. The State Library has continued to collaborate with Tyger River Correctional Institution by donating books and collaborating on various programs. The State Library continues to build relationships with institutional libraries across the state including most recently the Department of Juvenile Justice.

### Projects/Programs

17. The Read-In was well attended this year with over 1,800 children from across the state attending.
18. The TBS Art Gallery was a big success this year with a record number of participants.
19. The State Library recently hosted the annual Notable State Documents Awards Ceremony.
20. The Marie Goff Photography Exhibit has been on display in the lobby of the State Library for several weeks. The exhibit concluded with a presentation by Marie Goff.
21. The Library Development department has been working on a Seed Fairy project in partnership with Clemson Extension, providing seeds to libraries across the state.
22. Six libraries in South Carolina are at varying stages of construction projects.

23. Summer reading is wrapping up for public libraries. The State Library will compile data regarding number of participants.
24. SCLends is migrating to a new a new library platform. The go live date is currently scheduled for June 22.
25. The State Library is hosting a Bookmobile Exchange at the Orangeburg County Library.

### Personnel

26. Aiken shared with the Board that Todd Ferguson, a member of the Talking Book Services Department, passed away.
27. There are currently two open positions within the agency: Discus Training Coordinator, Center for the Book Coordinator.
28. Two positions have been filled: Procurement Officer- James Dunn and Discus Training Coordinator- Tarah Jepertinger.
29. Amber Sanders, Reader Advisor, recently graduated with her MLIS degree.
30. Communications Director, Ellen Dunn, is leaving the agency in May.
31. The State Library will host a Staff Appreciation Day at Mad Platter on May 23.
32. Public Services Librarian, Melanie Griffin, had an article featured in South Carolina Wildlife magazine.

### Public Libraries

33. There are currently director vacancies in the following counties: Marion, Abbeville, Cherokee.
34. The Library Development department has been working on a project assisting smaller libraries in weeding their collections.
35. The State Library is hosting a Bookmobile Exchange for public libraries across the state.
36. The State Library IT department has been working on a Bandwidth project to help get all libraries up to a certain bandwidth.
37. A resolution was signed for longtime Director of Dillon County who passed away, Yolanda McCormick. The resolution will be presented to her family.

### **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

Anna Claire made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mark Herring seconded the motion and all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2023

**Attachments:** Board Minutes 3/23/23, SCSL Budget Report