



**State Library Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 26, 2024  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Virtual

**Board Member Attendance:**

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

**Other Attendees:** Ms. Leesa Aiken, SCSL, Ms. Breanne Smith, SCSL, Faith Line, APLA

**A. Board Business and Approval of Minutes**

1. Motion: Anna Claire Dando made a motion to call the meeting to order. No motion was made to approve the July 25, 2024 minutes as a quorum was not present.

**B. Director Report**

1. Agency Administration

1. 2025-2026 Personnel Budget Requests- Aiken discussed her budget requests for 2025-2026 which include 10 new positions with \$812,851 in personnel funds and an increase in State Aid to \$3.00 per capita. Aiken requested one proviso change which is changing the “E” in the SCLENDS acronym from Evergreen to Electronic.
2. The South Carolina State Library had their Governor’s Budget Hearing on October 9, 2024.
3. Aiken discussed the K-12 Board FY25 Budget Requests. \$693,000 was approved to support State Library electronic resources.
4. The FY24 Accountability Report has been submitted to the Department of Administration.
5. The Palmetto Consortium which includes Marlboro, Darlington, Georgetown, Sumter, Dillon, and Marion, will be joining SCLENDS.
6. Impacts grants were awarded to York, Dillon, Anderson, Georgetown, Sumter, Spartanburg, Richland, Lee, Laurens, Lancaster, AHJ, and Abbeville.

## 2. Partnerships

1. Caroline Smith will be coordinating an ADA training series with the Office of Civil Rights to assist libraries with compliance due to changes related to ADA technical requirements which affects mainly web related content.
2. Dawn Mullin presented to the SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250) on grant sources available to the group at a Meet the Funders Grant Opportunities event hosted by SC250.
3. The State Library recently donated shelving that was no longer needed to the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The State Library is working with DDSN on a grant project to supply the facility with new materials for their newly established library.
4. Caroline Smith recently assisted the Department of Juvenile Justice with applying for the ALA Building Library Capacity Grant. SCDJJ was awarded \$10,000 to establish a new library at their Upstate Evaluation Center and four other sites specializing in alternative programs for services for juveniles on transfer, probation, and parole.

## 3. Projects/Programs

1. The State Library recently finished digitizing a series of WPA Cemetery records and continues to work on clean up of the files. The State Library will be working with the South Carolina Historical Society to view complete records and South Caroliniana Library to determine if there are other records that need to be digitized.
2. The State Library will be re-establishing the Literary Landmark program in the coming year. Aiken asked board members to suggest nominations in their respective areas.
3. The State Library participated for the first time at the Jubilee Festival, a festival hosted by Historic Columbia, showcasing black culture and history.
4. Several new science related circulating kits have been added to the collection.

## 4. Personnel

1. The State Library has the following open positions: Administrative Assistant, Public Information Coordinator, Reader Advisor, Reader Advisor Assistant, State Government Documents Librarian

## 5. Upcoming Events

1. Authors of SC featuring: Tally Johnson Ghost Stories 10/08/24 at 6PM
2. Discover the State Library: Cemeteries Across SC 10/28/2024 at 1PM (webinar)
3. South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference

## 6. Public Libraries

1. Many public libraries received earmarked funding during the last legislative session including the following:
  - Abbeville County Library – Computer Equipment \$50,000
  - ABBE Regional Library System \$200,000
  - Clarendon County – Turbeville Library \$950,000
  - Colleton County – Cottageville Library New Building \$1,000,000
  - Dillon County – Bookmobile \$300,000

- Sumter County – Main Library Renovation \$800,000
- 2. Beaufort County opened a new location in Port Royal on August 21, 2024.
- 3. The State Library donated a Charlie Cart to Marian Wright Edelman Public Library in Marlboro County to help facilitate their summer lunch program. Marlboro County is one of the most food insecure counties in the State.
- 4. Orangeburg County Library recently won the J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Award for their partnership with Tri-County Health Network and MUSC of Orangeburg to create a referral system utilizing a licensed social worker known as a Library Resource Associate that operates from the main library.
- 5. Several public libraries have purchased hold lockers and book vending machines.
- 6. Many public libraries including Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, and Berkeley have seed libraries with a variety of seeds including vegetables, herbs, and pollinator seeds.
- 7. There are director vacancies in Greenwood and AHJ.

**C. APLA Report**

**D. Finance**

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

**E. Adjourn**

- a. Anna Claire Dando made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alanna Wildman seconded the motion and all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024.