



**State Library Board
Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 17, 2022
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: 1500 Senate St.

Board Member Attendance:

Ms. Alanna Wildman, Chair	Present
Ms. Deborah Hyler, Member	Absent
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

Board Business and Approval of Minutes

1. Motion: Alanna Wildman called the meeting to order. Alanna Wildman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 22, 2022 board meeting. All present approved the minutes.

II. Director Report

Agency Administration

1. Aiken discussed the State Library Historical Marker Unveiling which took place on and was well attended with Richland County Council Member, Paul Livingston representing District 4, Edwin Breeden representing the SC Department of Archives and History, and several board members representing the Richland County Conservation Commission.
2. Final testimony took place before the entire Legislative Oversight Committee. The agency study was unanimously approved.
3. Aiken serves on the South Carolina Broadband Partnership Committee and is working with the Committee to ensure South Carolina completes the necessary paperwork to be eligible for \$47.3 million in BEAD funds, which can be used for construction and renovation projects of anchor institutions, which includes libraries.

4. Digitization of state documents will be a key focus in the coming year. One of Aiken's budget priority requests is for \$150,000 in funding for ongoing digitization and preservation efforts.
5. The LSTA 5 Year Plan has been submitted and approved by IMLS.
6. Aiken was unable to attend the SCLA Annual Conference. ALA President Elect Emily Drabinski was the keynote speaker in Aiken's place. Drabinski came to the SCSL for a tour at the conclusion of the conference. The SCSL is the first state library she has visited.

Projects and Programs

1. Talking Book Services is conducting a pilot program to record children's books with added sounds for interest and explanation of the story. The 4th children's book, Little Orange Honey Hood, is currently being recorded in a multi character format.
2. The Cecil Williams Unforgettable Photography Exhibit is now on display at the Pickens County Library.
3. Talking Book Services and DISCUS recently presented at the SC Ed Tech Conference.
4. The current LSTA Impact Grant cycle is shorter this year due to an influx of ARPA and CARES funds being sent to the state. The next cycle of LSTA Impact Grants will be longer and will allow for larger projects.
5. The State Library is reviewing the vendor for the state summer reading program after many surveys were noted as dissatisfied with the current vendor, ReadSquared.

III. Personnel

1. Breanne Smith has been filling in for procurement while the position is vacant.
2. Addi Frazier has joined the State Library as the new Digital Media Designer.
3. The State Library will be hiring two training positions in the Electronic Resources department. These positions will focus on targeted audiences to increase the awareness and usage of the Discus resources.
4. Three positions have been added to the Collections and Digitization department to handle the increase in digitization of state documents, collection management, and cataloging of items.
5. The Center for the Book position will be posted in the Spring.

IV. Upcoming Events

1. The SC Government Social Media Quarterly Idea Exchange met on December 2, 2022. The exchange is an opportunity for state agencies to come together and build relationships and partnerships through social media.
2. The Read-In is scheduled for April 20, 2023. The State Library anticipates having between 2,500 and 3,000 students participating in 2023.

V. Public Libraries

1. Paul Harmon, IT Director of the State Library was able to repurpose 33 computers from other libraries for Dillon County to replace their computers, which were over 10 years old.

2. There are three public library director vacancies: Lee, Lancaster, and Dillon Counties.

VI. APLA Report

1. Land discussed attending the SCLA conference and participating on a panel regarding public libraries. She attended sessions conducted by SCSL staff and noted that they were well done and received.
2. The next APLA meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2022.
3. Land discussed the book challenges that many counties are facing. The State Library has provided sample policies and request for reconsideration forms to every library to ensure they have the proper procedures in place to address collection management.

VII. Finance

1. The SCSL Financial Report was reviewed without any questions from the Board. The finances of the SCSL are on track for this time of year.

VIII. Adjourn

1. Alanna Wildman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mark Herring seconded the motion and all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2023

Attachments: Board Minutes 11/17/22, SCSL Budget Report