



**State Library Board
Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 18, 2021
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: 1500 Senate St.

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	Absent
Ms. Alanna Wildman, Member	Absent
Mr. Mark Herring, Member	Present

Other Attendees: Ms. Leesa Aiken, SCSL, Ms. Breanne Smith, SCSL, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Land, APLA

I. Board Business and Approval of Minutes

1. Motion: Martha Murtiashaw called the meeting to order. Walter Caudle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 23 board meeting. Loretta Green seconded the motion; all present approved the minutes with one correction.

II. Director Report

Agency Administration

1. Aiken discussed the schedule for the Legislative Oversight presentations. The new proposed date is December 2.
2. Aiken discussed the book issue that is going on between Governor McMaster and the SC Department of Education.
3. Aiken discussed the LSTA 5 year evaluation that is being handled by Quality Metrics. A draft of the report will be submitted to the State Library March 15 and the final will be due to IMLS on March 30.
4. Aiken discussed a new electronic resource, Teaching Books. Teaching Books has launched in partnership with the Department of Education. It features K-12 primary resources and supplemental materials.
5. The State Library has funded 21 sub-grants with ARPA funds.

6. There have been 3 requests for accessibility audits and building planning by public libraries.
7. The Public Library Survey is complete and will be submitted to IMLS.
8. The State Library will receive \$500,000 in funding from Department of Education over the next 3 years to continue with tutor.com and teaching books. Teaching books can be incorporated into the current learning object repository used by DOE.
9. The State Library is partnering with Commission on Minority Affairs on their Second Chance Re-Entry Guide.
10. Aiken has been promoting the Day by Day calendars to Headstart and First Steps.
11. Aiken discussed serving institutional libraries and plans partner with SCDOC on the Northstar Digital literacy program which teaches basic computer skills.
12. Virginia Pierce has been coordinating book donations to institutional libraries including FCI Edgefield.
13. Aiken plans to resume in person speaking engagements in the near future.
14. First floor staff has been working on district profiles for state legislators which includes statistical data from the district.
15. The reference desk fielded 109 patron reference questions last month. There were 371 visitors to the library.
16. TBS had 5,378 digital downloads, 7,200 books, and they recently sent out their 10,000th DVD.
17. Notable State Document Award nominations are now being accepted.
18. The Young Minds Dreaming and Letters about Literature contests have been combined and the program is now called Read SC Writing Contest. Students can still participate in both categories.
19. Aiken showed pictures from the Orangeburg County Library Opening.
20. Aiken discussed the Build America's Libraries Act and unfortunately it is not going to pass.
21. Aiken plans to discuss funding for libraries with Rep. Gilda Cobb Hunter.

III. Personnel

1. The Studio Manager Position is currently open.
2. Aiken discussed adding several new positions including Director of Program Evaluation and Management.
3. Aiken would like to add at least 2 new trainer positions in the Electronic Resources Department. One trainer would focus on early literacy, one on middle and high school, and one on public libraries and state agencies.
4. Aiken would like to add another IT position.
5. The Grants Administrator position is currently open.
6. Aiken would like to add another consultant position that focuses on building and construction.

IV. Public Libraries

1. There are 4 director vacancies in Lee County, Lancaster, AHJ, and Dillon.

V. Finance

1. Aiken discussed the SCSL Financial Report. Funds have been reallocated from the travel budget to different projects, due to Covid-19 and lack of travel for the past year.

VI. Adjourn

1. Walter Caudle made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Loretta Green seconded the motion and all approved. The next Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2022.

Attachments: Board Minutes 09/23/21, SCSL Budget Report