

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

November 18, 2021

10:00 am

Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Comments from the Public
- V. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2021 (Attachment 1)
- VI. Projects for Discussion and Action
 - A. Action: Resolution 2021-01: Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings
(Attachment 2)
- VII. Set date of next meeting: date to be determined
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

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Fresno, CA 93721

SJVLS Electronic Resources Committee Meeting

October 20, 2021

Minutes

Members Present: Nathan Boyer, Chair (SJVLS), Alyssa Furin (Fresno County Public Library), Heather Eddy (Kern County Library), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings County Library), Mary Jo Lawrence (Madera County Library), Rebecca Adams (Mariposa County Library), Smruti Deshpande (Merced County Library), Erika Hawkyard (Tulare County Library), Mollie Roache (Tulare Public Library)

Others Present: Tony Arellano (Porterville Public Library), Jose Ruiz-Garcia (Tulare County Library)

Absent: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron Library District)

- I. Nathan Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Introductions were made via roll call. Jose Ruiz-Garcia was introduced as the new representative for Tulare County.
- III. The agenda was adopted as written.
- IV. Public Comments: None
- V. The minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting were approved as written.
Motion: Hawkyard (Tulare County) Second: Lawrence (Madera)
- VI. Projects for Discussion and Action
 - A. Discussion: Presentation at October 8 Admin Council meeting
 - Hawkyard attended October 8 Admin Council meeting to discuss streamlining systemwide digital resources and prioritizing customer needs.
 - Directors seemed comfortable with ERC reexamining what type of resources to offer. Asked some questions about resources we identified during last RFQ, specifically about readers advisory.
 - We have nearly two years remaining on current Gale contract. Will need to plan for RFQ in about a year, during summer of 2022. Identify resource priorities in advance of RFQ.
 - B. Discussion: New Resources from CA State Library
 - Boyer announced that only Learning Express and LinkedIn Learning require setup assistance from system office

- Learning Express is compatible with EZproxy for authentication. Kern has been having problems getting it to work. Setup information will be shared once problems are resolved
- LinkedIn Learning uses SIP2. All libraries should have received setup information from system office.
- Coursera, GetSetUp, NorthStar, and Skillshare are handling authentication and/or setup independently. Libraries should work directly with vendors on setup.
- Libraries signed up for all new resources: Fresno, Kern, Madera, Merced, Porterville, Tulare Public
- Kings offering Coursera. Tulare County offering Coursera, Learning Express, and LinkedIn Learning. Mariposa unsure at this point.

C. Discussion: Brown Act changes and meeting schedule

- A.B. 361 amends Brown Act requirements create exemptions for teleconferencing.
- Exemptions are allowed during statewide state of emergency and if one of the following also applies:
 - State or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing.
 - The board is meeting to discuss whether an in-person meeting would pose a health risk to the attendees.
 - The board has determined that meeting in person presents a health risk to attendees.
- If those apply, boards are exempt from the following:
 - Identifying each teleconference location in the public notice and agenda.
 - Posting the agenda at each teleconference location.
 - Making each teleconference location physically accessible for public comment.
- A.B. 361 requires:
 - Teleconference meetings be halted if there is disruption in public access to the meeting.
 - The board must meet once every 30 days during the state of emergency

to determine, by majority vote, that

- The emergency continues to pose a health risk to in-person meetings, or
- State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures for social distancing.

- A.B. 361 exemptions are in place until January 1, 2024.

VII. Update on Systemwide Resources

- Kirk Peterson is our new Account Manager with Gale. Boyer will provide him with contact information for ERC members. Kirk replaced April. Kirk provided trial access to and preliminary quotes for Gale reference ebooks, Miss Humblebee's Academy, Udemy, Gale Business Plan Builder, and National Geographic. Reference ebooks seemed relevant because of ERC's recent discussion of reference weeding. Kirk shared that Kern, Kings, Tulare County, and Tulare Public are currently offering Gale reference ebooks. Hawkyard reported Tulare County has recently added new Gale ebook titles. Gale has also recently provided updates to ebook content.
- SJVLS is providing jurisdiction specific usage stats for cloudLibrary. Spreadsheets are available on OneDrive.

VIII. The next Electronic Resources Committee meeting will be held on November 18, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

IX. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM ELECTRONIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 18, 2021 PURSUANT TO AB 361

WHEREAS, the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM ELECTRONIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE (the “Committee”) is composed of staff representing libraries within the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare (the “Service Area”); and

WHEREAS, meetings of the Committee are governed by the provisions of the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950, et seq. (the “Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act has allowed local legislative bodies such as ours to conduct their meetings, at least in part, through the use of teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of using teleconferencing in part or in whole for meetings of local legislative bodies, the Brown Act requires that such meeting agendas disclose the precise locations from which teleconferencing will occur, that notices and agendas of the teleconferencing meetings be posted at all of those locations, and that all of the locations be freely accessible by members of the general public during the meetings; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which Proclamation remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, modifying the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, subject to compliance with certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, providing that the modifications would remain in place through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, providing that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules if the meeting occurs during a proclaimed state of emergency and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and in response to state and local recommendations for measures to promote social distancing, the Committee deems it necessary to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ELECTRONIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE FINDS AND RESOLVES that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are adopted as findings of the Committee.
2. The Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency.
3. State or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, telework, and/or the holding of virtual meetings for legislative bodies within the Service Area that are subject to the Brown Act.
4. Relaxing the requirements for remote meeting attendance by Committee members through teleconferencing will promote social distancing and allow potential governing board meeting attendees to maintain the privacy of their vaccination status, which will reduce the health and safety risk inherent in personal attendance at public meetings.
5. Based on these findings and pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (e)(1)(A), members of the Committee may use teleconferencing for meeting attendance without complying with the provisions of Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), so long as the requirements of AB 361 and this Resolution are met.
6. Meetings of the Committee shall be held 100% virtually through December 18, 2021.
7. Committee members shall return to the Committee no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution, or at the next meeting of the Committee, if later, for the Committee to consider whether to again make the findings required to meet under the modified teleconference procedures of AB 361.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Nathan Boyer, Chair