

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Electronic Resources Committee Meeting May 12, 2022

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Nathan Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. Introductions

Members Present: Nathan Boyer, Chair (SJVLS); Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron Library District); Alyssa Furin (Fresno County Public Library); Ashley Nuhfer (Kings County Library); Yer Vang (Tulare County Library); Maria Marquez (Tulare Public Library)
Absent: Heather Eddy (Kern County Library); Rebecca Adams (Mariposa County Library); Smruti Deshpande (Merced County Library)
Others Present: Tony Arellano (Porterville City Library)

C. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

D. Comments from the Public

None

E. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2022 (Attachment 1)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion: Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

Second: Marquez (Tulare Public)

F. Projects for Discussion and Action

1. Discussion and Action: Continuing Teleconferences under Amended Brown Act; Subsequent Resolution (Attachment 2) – Boyer
Boyer expects the Committee will continue to meet virtually. At issue is whether to follow the eased Brown Act requirements as modified by AB361 or to follow the requirements that existed prior to COVID, namely the listing of participating location addresses and the posting of agendas in those locations. Boyer stated the resolution is included in the agenda packet for committee's consideration.
Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron) disagreed with continuing to meet under the relaxed Brown Act requirements. Local conditions and recommendations no longer meet the standard for public health state of emergency that is required by AB361. Most patrons do not wear masks in the library and social distancing is not required. He mentioned examples of businesses and locations in Fresno County that do not require masks and/or social distancing. Continuing to meet under the conditions of AB361 would be for ease of use and not due to an ongoing state of emergency.
Furin (Fresno) reported no significant change since the last meeting. Masks are encouraged but not required. Hybrid (partial virtual/partial in-person) or in person committee meetings would be acceptable.

Nuhfer (Kings) also reported not much change from the previous meeting. Masks are recommended but not required. In-person programming is being offered and attendance limits are no longer enforced.

Vang (Tulare County) said that masks are recommended but not required. In-person programs are being held both inside and outside the library. She is open to whatever meeting format the committee is comfortable with.

Marquez (Tulare Public) shared that masks are not required but are preferred for the public. Staff are still required to wear masks when dealing with the public and most staff continue to wear masks in staff areas. Staff meetings are still being held virtually. The library is operating at 75% capacity, consistent with local guidelines. Programs are being held in person and virtually. A hybrid meeting model would be acceptable for committee meetings.

Arellano (Porterville) reported that the city is following state guidelines. Though they don't have a facility open to the public, masks are strongly encouraged for staff, especially in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained or if someone has not received the COVID vaccine.

Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron) suggested that the committee could continue to meet virtually but should do so under the original Brown Act requirements and not under the eased requirements provided by AB361. Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron) introduced a motion for the same. Marquez (Tulare Public) seconded.

During the introduction of the motion, Furin (Fresno) left the meeting due to a prior appointment. The committee then lacked a quorum for a vote. Vote and further discussion was tabled until the committee's next meeting in June.

As the committee did not hold an official vote on the next meeting, and did not certify meeting under the terms of the modified Brown Act, the next meeting will require that a) all participating locations be listed on the agenda, b) a copy of the agenda will be posted at each participating location, and c) each location shall provide accommodation for the public to attend and participate as needed.

2. Discussion: Updates on Palace Project and cloudLibrary – Boyer

Boyer shared information from Meg Krueger at bibliotheca/cloudLibrary. At this point it seems like SJVLS libraries could not make the shared systemwide cloudLibrary collection available to the Palace Project without paying for a cloudLink subscription. Similarly, SJVLS libraries may not be able to access other e-book collections in the state without cloudLink. System Office has asked bibliotheca for clarification. Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron) asked if individual member libraries can join the Palace Project if they don't contribute collections to it and, if so, how that can be done. Marquez (Tulare Public) mentioned a question raised during a Palace Project webinar about the number of library cards a single individual can have and use with the Palace Project. Boyer will ask bibliotheca, the CA State Library, and Palace Project for more information and will share meeting/webinar information with ERC members.

G. Status Update on System Resources

Updated URLs for Gale Interactive Science have been shared with ERC members

H. Calendar Items

1. Set date of next meeting: tentatively June 16, 2022

I. Announcements

None

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.