



**Electronic Resources Committee
Minutes**

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August 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Alyssa Furin (Fresno), Heather Eddy (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Krista Riggs (Madera), Kelly Jo Jones (Mariposa), Yer Vang (Tulare County)

Absent: Smruti Deshpande (Merced)

Others Present: Tony Arellano (Porterville), Heidi Clark (Tulare Public)

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 14, 2022 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Clark (Tulare Public)

Second: Furin (Fresno)

The minutes were approved.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION and ACTION: Continuing Teleconferences

The California Department of Public Health has not made any changes to the recommendations since June. DPH is still strongly recommending the use of masks, regardless of vaccination status. Governor's State of Emergency order remains in effect. Cases continue to increase in California. All of those meet the conditions identified in the modified Brown Act. Fresno's Central library has been in outbreak status; masks are required for staff and social distancing is recommended. Committee members reported few restrictions for the public. Some staff are wearing masks, but not required. Some libraries are still encouraging virtual meetings. Eddy (Kern) motioned to continue meeting virtually under the modified Brown Act. Nuhfer (Kings) second.

Ayes: Furin (Fresno), Eddy (Kern), Nuhfer (Kings), Riggs (Madera), Jones (Mariposa), Vang (Tulare County), Clark (Tulare Public)

Noes: Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

Abstain: None

The committee will reexamine conditions and recommendations at the next meeting in no more than 30 days.

2. DISCUSSION: Defining Systemwide Resource Priorities

Boyer continuing to refine resource categories and types so committee can identify priorities for next systemwide resources subscription. Committee members noted reduced demand for general research resources. General resources are often provided by local school districts. Eddy commented that people are also content to use Google for general research questions. Libraries are seeing greater use of and interest in entertainment-focused resources (ebooks and videos). Specific resources like genealogy, auto repair, and test prep are also in high demand. Clark (Tulare Public) noted that general resource usage might be down because libraries have not been able to promote resources in the same ways they have in the past. Vosburg and Eddy discussed the merits of staff and public surveys to identify desirable resources. Marketing was discussed as a potential system service to better promote the resources that are offered systemwide. Boyer will discuss marketing with Chris Wymer.

3. DISCUSSION: Vendor Presentations and Trials

A to Z World Databases offered trial access through the end of August. Boyer encouraged committee members to look at the trial and provide feedback. Hoopla's presentation of their consortium resource still needs to be rescheduled. Boyer looking to find available times.

The System Office is continuing to look at the option of providing digital magazine access to all libraries. We're still discussing how implementation and pricing would work, because some libraries already have their own subscriptions.

4. DISCUSSION: Update on Resources from the State Library

The CA State Library has renewed the CAREER Pathways through September 2024. Boyer shared that the PBS Video Collection is being made available to public libraries. Boyer tested access and was not able to view the videos. Boyer has contacted Proquest support for assistance. The System Office is still working with the State Library on the Palace Project/Ebooks for all California program.

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

Boyer has been working on usage stats to make sure that everything is available for the annual state report.

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

Set the date and agenda building for the next meeting, tentatively August 11, 2022 on Microsoft Teams

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Furin reported that Fresno has added some new resources: Rosetta Stone, PressReader, MakeMake (bilingual literacy), and VIP Learning (skills training).

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.