



**Electronic Resources Committee  
Agenda Packet**

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10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

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**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members Present: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Alyssa Furin (Fresno), Heather Eddy (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera), Matt Johnson (Mariposa), Yer Vang (Tulare County), Maria Marquez (Tulare Public)

Absent: Smruti Deshpande (Merced)

Others Present: Tony Arellano (Porterville), Daniel Brunk (Kings)

**C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 15, 2022 (Attachment 1)**

Motion: Marquez (Tulare Public)

Second: Eddy (Kern)

The minutes were approved.

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

1. DISCUSSION: Future Meetings

Boyer reminded the committee that the Governor's State of Emergency regarding the COVID pandemic will end on February 28, 2023. The end of the State of Emergency also means that the modified Brown Act provisions, which the committee had been following, will no longer be applicable. Additional legislation has passed to allow some relaxed requirements for teleconference meetings, but those exceptions are intended for individuals in emergency situations and not for the entire group during regular meetings. Recognizing that travel times for some members can be excessive when attending meetings in person, Boyer expects that future meetings will then be a mix of teleconferences following normal Brown Act requirements (participating addresses listed on the agenda, agendas posted at all locations, and members participating from inside the service area) and in-person meetings. Members agreed that a mix of meeting formats would be a good compromise and allow better member participation.

Boyer asked if each location could accommodate someone who might want to attend a teleconference meeting in person at the library. Members reported that their libraries have a meeting room that could be made available. Some libraries also have capabilities to display the teleconference. The next meeting in February will be a normal teleconference. Boyer intends to have the April meeting in person. The Tulare City Library and Visalia Branch Library have been recognized as the most centrally located libraries but can still require long travel times. The committee is open to other locations if it would be helpful for travel.

2. DISCUSSION: Palace Project Updates

Chris Wymer is working with SirsiDynix and Palace to enable patron authentication from Enterprise to the Palace app. The System Office is still waiting on some OverDrive account information so individual OverDrive collections can be integrated into member library collections in the Palace app. Delays might be on the OverDrive side, as they have asked some libraries to verify their accounts before providing the necessary information.

SJVLS received a grant of \$50,000 to use for collection development in the statewide ebook and eaudio collection available in the Palace app. The grant funds require a 20% fund match from the recipient. System will move \$10,000 from cloudLibrary budget to devote to the statewide collection development, making a total of \$60,000 available for the statewide collection. Eddy asked if titles purchased for the statewide collection with those funds would be prioritized for SJVLS patrons. Boyer was not certain but did not believe that would be the case. Additional information might be available during the State Library's Palace Project summit on February 1. Vosburg asked about the grant application process within SJVLS. Boyer shared that Chris Wymer took the proposal to Admin Council at the November 4, 2022, meeting and asked for approval to apply for \$50,000 in grant funds with a matching 20% contribution from SJVLS. Vote results aren't recorded in the minutes but there was a motion to approve and a second. Presumably the request was approved at that meeting.

Boyer asked if any members were interested in helping with collection development selection for Palace. Eddy (Kern), Furin (Fresno), Marquez (Tulare Public), Nuhfer (Kings), and Vang (Tulare County) volunteered to participate. Boyer mentioned that the Palace Marketplace is accessible and will share the link with the selectors. Boyer reminded the committee of the State Library's Palace Project summit on February 1 and invited members to participate and/or share the meeting information with interested staff at their libraries.

3. DISCUSSION: hoopla Consortium Product Updates

Boyer contacted Amanda Ulrich with hoopla to ask about questions raised by the committee during the December meeting. Ulrich provided two examples of libraries that offered a mix of instant borrow and flex (one copy/one user) titles. In both cases patrons have adjusted to both types of availability and appreciate having a single source for content. Arellano clarified previous questions that some patrons move between and use multiple library members and might expect all libraries to offer the same things when some libraries might only offer the systemwide collection in hoopla and others provide that collection and their own instantly available titles.

Vosburg commented that Coalinga patrons who ask for hoopla usually want different content like movies and video instead of asking only for a different platform. Boyer acknowledged that if the system provided resources through hoopla, it would be the same types of content currently provided in cloudLibrary: ebooks and eaudiobooks.

Vosburg suggested researching what patrons want types of content people want, especially if it something we do not currently offer, like movies, music, or comics. Boyer said that it might be possible to expand systemwide offerings of different content types in the future, if the committee could present Admin Council data to show that other content types were in high demand. Boyer reminded the committee that in recent years Admin Council has been supportive of increased funding to ERC for systemwide resources, including more than doubling the amount available for cloudLibrary content this year.

Eddy suggested having hoopla analyze our current cloudLibrary collection to determine what content could be moved to hoopla. Boyer will contact Amanda Ulrich about that analysis.

4. **DISCUSSION: Career Pathways Resources from CA State Library**  
Any libraries that have individual subscriptions to Brainfuse JobNow will need to update their EZproxy stanza and links. JobNow was previously offered by the statewide library, but that has been discontinued so older EZproxy configuration and links no longer work.

Boyer informed the committee that it is possible to link directly into Learning Express resource centers. It works for the Spanish Language resource center but is also possible for other resource and learning centers if any libraries are interested.

The State Library is asking for an updated attribution statement with State Library provided resources due to a change in funding sources. That statement should be included on library websites.

#### **G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES**

None

#### **H. CALENDAR ITEMS**

Set the date and agenda building for the next meeting, tentatively February 16, 2023 on Microsoft Teams

#### **I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Daniel Brunk asked about O'Reilly ebooks available to public libraries from the State Library. Committee members indicated the resource appeared to be available to only to state employees.

Brunk also asked if it was possible to access content on the Internet Archive. Boyer stated that Internet Archive cannot be accessed from inside the library due to incompatibility with web filtering.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.