



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Administrative Council Meeting June 13, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

A. COUNCIL OPENING

1. Raman Bath (Fresno County), called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.
2. Roll Call
 - i. Council present: Raman Bath (Fresno), Mark Lewis (Kern), Natalie Rencher (Kings), Krista Riggs (Madera), Amy Boese (Merced), Vikki Cervantes (Porterville), Heidi Clark (Tulare Public), and Darla Wegener (Tulare County).
 - ii. Council absent: Matt Johnson (Mariposa) and Mary Leal (Coalinga/Huron).
 - iii. Guests: Brian Henderson (Hudson and Henderson), and Chris Durr (California State Library).
3. Introductions
 - i. Staff introductions.
4. Agenda Adoption
 - i. Motion to Adopt Agenda Cervantes (Porterville)
 - ii. Seconded: Clark (Tulare Public)
5. Public Comment
 - i. None.

B. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

1. Wymer is seeking direction on the Blackstone Audio Grant Opportunity. Chris Durr from California State Library worked with Wymer and Wegener on the questions and concerns that the Council had brought up at the May meeting. The grant provides access simultaneous access, for one year, to 4,458 titles at a cost of \$367,785.00. SJVLS is responsible for matching funds for the grant by 25%, but they could propose a lower match percentage. The subscription is accessible to all California residents whether they have a library card or not and can be accessed either through the Palace App or through Biblioboard's geolocated eBook platform, Enki. The council discussed and stated that most jurisdictions felt it was not the time for this as budgets were tight and not knowing the sustainability beyond a year. Also, the timeline to apply was so small they felt they were not ready to proceed with a match in funds. Admin Council elected not to pursue the grant opportunity.

C. ADJOURNMENT

1. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.