



**Electronic Resources Committee
Regular Meeting
Agenda Packet**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
LIBRARY SYSTEM
2420 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721
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February 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Tulare Public Library

The next meeting of the
SJVLS Electronic Resources Committee
will be on
February 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
at the
Tulare Public Library
475 North M Street
Tulare, CA 93274

Enclosed are the agenda and prepared attachments for this meeting.
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AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The public may comment on any action items on the agenda.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting: October 17, 2024
2. Special Meeting: November 14, 2024
3. Special Meeting: January 16, 2025
4. Special Meeting: January 23, 2025

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION: Systemwide Tutoring Services
2. DISCUSSION: Udemy
3. DISCUSSION: Digital Magazines and Newspapers

G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES

H. CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Set the date and agenda building for the next meeting, tentatively April 17, 2025

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Committee members are invited to share items relating to collaboration, innovation, and professional development of interest to the Committee.

J. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM REMOVED

Minutes from the October 17, 2024, meeting were approved during the January 16, 2025, meeting.

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Minutes from the November 14, 2024, meeting were approved during the January 16, 2025, meeting.



**Electronic Resources Committee
Special Meeting**

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January 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Fahra Daredia (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera), Maureen McCormick [proxy for Matt Johnson] (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Alisha Rodriguez (Tulare County), Heidi Clark (Tulare Public)

Members Absent: Mike Drake (Fresno)

Others Present: Chris Wymer (SJVLS)

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to change agenda item F1 from an Action item to a Discussion item. The agenda was then adopted as amended.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. October 17, 2024
- 2. November 14, 2024

Minutes were approved.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- 1. DISCUSSION: Recommend addition of tutoring service as a Systemwide Resource

Boyer announced that the System Office had not received every member library's evaluation and scoring of the three tutoring services. As a result, the Committee could not make a formal recommendation on which service to offer as a Systemwide resource. Members were invited to share thoughts and comments on the three services that were offered in response to the RFP.

Members expressed concerns that Tutor Me Education had not worked with a public library consortium like SJVLS and services might not fit member library and patron needs.

Brainfuse received positive reviews due to library and patron familiarity with the resource that we currently offer and have offered in the past. Members commented that the Brainfuse platform is easy to use and connecting with a tutor is quick and straightforward.

Members valued the availability of tutors and the experience of working with them on Tutors.com. The resource's connections to The Princeton Review were regarded as beneficial for patrons. Some members had concerns about access to tutoring over the phone as an alternative to online tutoring.

Brainfuse and Tutor.com were thought to be comparable platforms that would benefit patrons.

Wymer (SJVLS) reminded the Committee that any libraries who had not submitted evaluation scoring sheets would need to submit those and the Committee will need to meet again in a week, on January 23, to review the evaluation scores and make a recommendation on which service to offer.

G. CALENDAR ITEMS

The next meeting will tentatively be held on January 23, 2025, at 11:30 am on Microsoft Teams.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.



Electronic Resources Committee Special Meeting

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January 23, 2025

11:30 a.m.

Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Mike Drake (Fresno), Fahra Daredia (Kern), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings), Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera), Matt Johnson (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Alisha Rodriguez (Tulare County), Heidi Clark (Tulare Public)

Members Absent: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron)

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. ACTION: Recommend addition of tutoring service as a Systemwide Resource

Boyer presented the total scores from member library evaluations of the tutoring services. Brainfuse and Tutor.com both received high scores in evaluations of platform, tutors, and reporting. According to the weighted scores, Tutor.com received the highest total.

The scoring was consistent with comments made during discussion at the Committee's last meeting, indicating general preferences for Brainfuse and Tutor.com. Members briefly discussed the merits of both services and shared positive comments about Tutor.com, specifically for the range of tutoring services, availability and helpfulness of tutors, and effective marketing options.

Boyer asked if the Committee could recommend a tutoring service based on the results of the evaluation scoring. After additional discussion, a motion was made to recommend the addition of Tutor.com as a systemwide tutoring resource.

- Motion: Nuhfer (Kings)
- Second: Clark (Tulare Public)
- Motion carried

F. CALENDAR ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2025, at the Tulare Public Library.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.