



Electronic Resources Committee Special Meeting

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January 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

APPROVED 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.