



# Sacramento Public Library Authority

## ACTION SUMMARY

### SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD

**Thursday, September 26, 2013 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street**  
**Sacramento, California**

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#### **1.0 Call to Order**

In attendance: Eleanor Brown, Gary Davis, Roberta MacGlashan, Kevin McCarty, Barbara Payne, Phil Serna, Jeff Slowey, Robert Trigg and Jimmie Yee. Angelique Ashby, Linda Budge, Steve Cohn, Bonnie Pannell and Jay Schenirer arrived after roll call. Don Nottoli was unable to attend the meeting.

Board Chair Serna declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Director Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2.0 Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda**

Joe Snider of Integrity Pharmacy Benefit Management spoke about how his company can provide library employees with savings on prescription drugs and health-care services. He distributed information and ask people to contact him if they had any questions.

#### **3.0 Director's Report**

After referring the Board to her written report, Library Director Rivkah K. Sass made special note of the 2013 Sacramento Play Summit, which was co-sponsored by ScholarShare and Fairytale Town on Saturday, Sept. 7, in the Central Library Galleria. Ms. Sass noted that 122 people attended the event and that the response was very positive. Chair Serna suggested that First 5 Sacramento be approached as a potential sponsor for next year's Play Summit.

Ms. Sass also provided details about the Library's month-long One Book Sacramento celebration in October, which this year celebrates the works of Edgar Allan Poe. The "one book" that the community will be reading is a compilation of Poe works titled "The Slender Poe" and published on the Library's I Street Press. Ms. Sass invited everyone to join the Library for the event's kick-off celebration on Oct. 2 in the Library Galleria, featuring readings from Poe, the New Helvetia Brewery's celebratory Edgar Allan Porter and a visit from the author himself.

Also on the Director's Report was the grand reopening of the Rio Linda Library from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21. Ms. Sass said more than 700 people visited the library and more than 600 items were checked out. Director MacGlashan, whose supervisorial district includes the library, said the opening was a wonderful community event celebrating a library that is twice the size of the one previously serving the area. Ms. MacGlashan thanked the Friends of the Rio Linda Library, the Twin Rivers School District and the Rio Linda High School Jr. ROTC and band, which participated in the event.

Saturday, Sept. 21, was a busy day for Sacramento Public Library, which also held its Big Wheels event at the Franklin Community Library. Despite a downpour that threatened to dampen spirits, the event was extremely well-attended, giving visitors an opportunity to view an array of interesting vehicles, including the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile and a theme car designed to look like a Radio Flyer red wagon.

In addition, Ms. Sass introduced SPL's new Human Resources Manager, Liane Lee, and expressed her appreciation to outgoing director Rita Viviano, who will retire in October.

#### **Information**

- 4.0** Annual Report: Tsakopoulos Library Galleria 2013
- 5.0** Monthly Financial Report – July 2013
- 6.0** Monthly Treasurer's Report – July 2013

The foregoing items were information only, and required no action by the Board.

#### **Consent Items**

The following item was approved with a single motion:

- 7.0** Action Summary – Aug. 22, 2013

#### **Board Action:**

**Budge/Cohn**

**Approved (14/0)**

#### **Action Items**

- 8.0** **Contract Renewal for Innovative Interfaces, Inc.-SkyRiver Technology Solutions (Requires roll call vote with two-thirds majority)**

Ms. Sass explained that the Library has brought this item forward to ask permission to approve a multi-year contract that would result in an increased savings of money over a five-year period. Director Slowey asked a question regarding the amount of money that would be saved, noting that the original contract promised a savings of \$25,000 a year but this new contract would offer a five-year total savings of \$38,500. Deputy Library Director Denise Davis explained that the \$38,500 savings over the five-year period would be in addition to the annual savings of \$25,000 a year, not in lieu of it.

A roll call vote was taken:

Gary Davis: Yes

Jay Schenirer: Yes

Kevin McCarty: Yes

Jimmie Yee: Yes

Linda Budge: Yes

Steve Cohn: Yes

Robert Trigg: Yes

Phil Serna: Yes

Roberta MacGlashan: Yes

Bonnie Pannell: Yes

Jeff Slowey: Yes

Angelique Ashby: Yes

Barbara Payne: Yes

Eleanor Brown: Yes

**Board Action:** **Budge/Cohn** **Approved (14/0)**

**9.0 Final Budget FY 2013-14 and Position Control Update**

The Authority’s proposed Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for all services, support and operations is \$31,630,002. Deputy Director Davis explained that the purpose of the budget discussion would be to outline the difference between what the Authority Board approved when the FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget was presented in May and what Directors are being asked to approve now. She noted that fees for books and materials have escalated dramatically. Director Slowey asked if the proposed May budget approved a dollar figure for books and materials or an actual number of books and materials to be added. Davis explained that the May approval covered databases and current subscriptions for books and materials. “What was anticipated but not known in May were what the increases would be,” she said. “In some cases, the costs are doubling.”

**Board Action:** **Schenirer/Budge** **Approved (14/0)**

**10.0 Chair’s Report**

Chair Serna congratulated the Library on a successful Summer Reading Program in which 33,000 children participated and 135,000 books were read. He said he looked forward to a 30 percent increase in participation next summer. He also applauded the Library on its successful summer meals program at the Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, where 3,400 meals were served. By comparison, he said, the Oakland library system served 8,800 meals at 11 locations.

Director Ashby said that she enjoyed participating in the Summer Reading program, noting that more than 10,000 books were read at the North Natomas Library and inviting everyone to a food truck event tonight at that library.

Director Budge said she was equally proud of the Rancho Cordova branch and its staff. She also suggested that a new name be considered for the Sacramento Public Library Authority, since the current name has resulted in some confusion. Chair Serna asked that the discussion be scheduled on a future meeting agenda.

**11.0 Reports, Ideas and Questions from Board Members**

**12.0 Adjournment**

Chair Serna adjourned this meeting of the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board at 3:34 p.m. in memory of Sacramento poet and artist Jose Montoya who died Sept. 25, 2013, at the age of 81.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Rivkah K. Sass  
Secretary to the Board

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