



Sacramento Public Library Authority

ACTION SUMMARY SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD

**Thursday, April 28, 2011 – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street
Sacramento, California**

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1. Call to Order

In Attendance: Angelique Ashby, Linda Budge, Mark Crews, Darrell Fong, Kevin McCarty*, Bonnie Pannell, Michelle Rivas (Alternate for Susan Peters), Phil Serna, Jeff Slowey and Jimmie Yee. Roberta MacGlashan, Don Nottoli, Sophia Scherman and Sandy Sheedy were unable to attend the meeting.

**arrived after roll call*

Acting Board Chair Linda Budge declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

3. Closed Session

3.1 Volunteer Appreciation

Library Director Rivkah Sass presented this item to the Board, recognizing the many volunteers that serve Sacramento Public Library in various capacities throughout the year. Several branch volunteers were in attendance, including several of the dogs who serve as "listeners" in the Library's reading to dogs programs. Each group of volunteers was introduced and thanked for their service to the Library. Board Member Jeff Slowey expressed his enthusiastic thanks for all the volunteers do.

3.2 Proclamation in Honor of *American Sabor: Latinos in U.S. Popular Music*

This item is being held until the May Authority Board meeting.

4. Director's Report

Ms. Sass referred the Board to her written Director's Report, calling particular attention to the success of the eReader initiative and the upcoming Roy Blount, Jr. event on May 24, 2011, a partnership with California Lectures. Ms. Sass further reported that the Foundation ad hoc Committee had met twice and a full report back would be provided at the May Authority Board meeting.

Ray Wilson completed a Speaker Card to address the Board in regard to this item. Mr. Wilson wanted additional information regarding the discontinuation of the Homework Center services at the Colonial Heights and Martin Luther King, Jr. Libraries.

Ms. Budge asked Ms. Sass to address Mr. Wilson's concerns. She explained that the current model for the Homework Centers was no longer financially sustainable, and indicated staff was diligently investigating alternative means to

provide similar services to the students who will be displaced by discontinuation of these centers.

Board Member Ashby asked how many students received services from the Homework Centers, and expressed her deep concern over discontinuation of this service without an alternative being in place.

Board Member Serna suggested working with CSU Sacramento and local community colleges to provide continuing services and asked staff to apply energy to strengthening possible partnerships.

Board Member Pannell indicated that volunteers were needed at Martin Luther King, Jr. and Valley Hi-North Laguna to provide this type of service to students living near those branches.

The Board instructed staff that a new model must be in place by the start of the new school year in August. Staff agreed to identify such a model and provide a report back at a future meeting.

5.0 FY 2011-12 Budget Preview

Ms. Sass presented a preview of the FY 2011-12 Budget that will be presented for adoption at the May Authority Board meeting.

Mr. Slowey requested information on the status of Authority reserves and would like a preview of FY 2012-13, given the reductions being proposed for FY 2011-12.

Mr. Yee conceded that costs must be reduced, and that elimination of positions would be necessary to accomplish this. He would like to see the Library do a patron survey regarding service hours – whether evenings or weekends are preferred – and would like to see the “heat map” showing peak service hours and total library visits to each branch. Staff will provide this.

Ms. Rivas expressed her support for alignment of programs with school district goals and curriculum. She would like to see the Library explore alternatives for providing educational support services, such as the homework centers, and requested staff to return with information regarding potential alternatives. She also suggested charging a fee for use of the community rooms and meeting spaces at library facilities.

The Board asked staff to develop a solid mission and strategy that would provide guidance over the next three to five years of continued economic hardship.

Ms. Budge suggested it might be helpful to re-assemble the Finance Advisory Committee that worked with the Authority to establish financial guiding principles when the Authority assumed responsibility for its own accounting functions.

6.0 Monthly Financial Update: February 2011

7.0 Monthly Treasurer’s Report: February 2011

Director Sass referred the Board to the written reports in their agenda documents. These items are information only and require no Board action.

Consent Items

The following items were approved with a single motion:

- 8.0 Action Summary: March 24, 2011
- 9.0 Contract Renewal: Cypress Insurance for Workers' Compensation Insurance
- 10.0 Contract Renewal: City of Sacramento for Legal Counsel Services
- 11.0 Contract Amendment: Finance Management Support Services
- 12.0 Position Description and Position Control Update

Board Action: Pannell/Yee Approved (10-0)

13.0 Chair's Report

None.

14.0 Reports, Ideas, and Questions from Board Members

None.

15.0 Adjournment

This meeting of the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Haggard, Assistant Secretary to the Board

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