

2023 Public Library Standards Task Force Meeting
9:00 a.m., August 22, 2023
Zoom

MINUTE LOG

This meeting was recorded:
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ATTENDEES:

State Library Commissioners Present:

Tom Burnett, Carmen Cuthbertson, Brian Rossmann, Chair Robyn Scribner (from 9 to 9:15 am)

Public Library Task Force Present:

Joy Bridwell (Librarian, Stone Child College Library), Tom Burnett (State Library Commissioner and Commissioner Hall's designee), Michele DesRochers (Library Director, West Yellowstone Public Library), Mitch Grady (Library Director, Livingston-Park County Public Library), Dave Ingram (Trustee, Imaginelf Library), Dawn Kingstad (Library Director, Glendive Public Library), Jeanne Lillegard (Library Director, Judith Basin County Free Library), Brian Rossman (State Library Commissioner), Mark Wetherington (Library Director, Bitterroot Public Library)

MSL Staff:

Nick Beckstrom, Tracy Cook, Sharon Hardwick, Genevieve Lighthiser, Cara Orban, Jennie Stapp

Guests:

Barbara Boorman, Katie Boumans (Agency Legal Services, DOJ), Dorothy, Jen, Julie Edwards, Lisa, Janet Livingston (Roosevelt Public Library), Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Sarah Peterson (Miles City Public Library), Nancy Royan (Wedsworth Memorial Library)

Agenda: [Attachment 1](#)

(00:00:07) Call to Order and Introductions

(00:12:05) [Define which state payments require compliance with public library standards](#)

- Public comment

(00:25:26) Motion by Mitch Grady to clarify that State Aid per capita and federation funding be tied to the public library standards and it passed unanimously.

(00:27:08) [Amend 10.102.1158 \(1\) and 10.102.4003 to include accredited tribal college libraries](#)

- Public comment
(00:32:01) Motion by Joy Bridwell to accept the recommendation to use the language in public library standards to include tribal colleges and it passed unanimously.

(00:32:55) Update formula under 10.102.4003 to account for accredited tribal college libraries and to account for the distribution of funds if no tribal college libraries apply

- Spreadsheet showing various options for including tribal college libraries
- Infographic showing impact of adding tribal libraries at the county level
- Infographic showing impact of adding tribal libraries at individual library level
- Public comment

(01:10:37) Motion by Dawn Kingstad to recommend using the college-city population for accredited tribal college libraries within the current State Aid formula and that if the accredited tribal college does not apply then funds would then revert back to the public libraries that are eligible for the funding.

(01:22:37) Motion by Dave Ingram postpone the decision about the formula until the September meeting and the motion passed unanimously.

(01:26:50) Consider amending 10.102.1158 (7) the library's budget shows year-to-year growth to better reflect the intent of the original public library standards' task force

- Public comment
(01:40:33) Motion by Michele DesRochers to accept the following change to the standard: The library board and director identify the financial resources needed to provide library services according to the library's mission and regularly communicate with community and local government leaders about financial needs and the motion passed unanimously.

(01:42:30) Consider amending 10.102.1160 (7) – Library directors serving populations over 25,000 must have a Master of Library Science or equivalent degree

- History of MLS requirement from the Montana State Library
 - Review of public librarian qualifications over time
- Spreadsheet that lists library director education requirements from all states
- Short analysis of requirements from other states
- Public comment

No action taken.

(03:07:02) Amend administrative rule 10.102.1162 to better define what is NOT a hardship and to clarify the process for requesting a deferral

- Public comment

(03:27:22) 12:39 Motion by Tom Burnett to keep the current deferral section as is and the motion passed unanimously.

(03:28:45) Other Business & Announcements

(03:31:32) Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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