



**Electronic Resources Committee  
Draft Minutes**

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10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

### B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Krista Riggs (Madera), Kelly Jo Jones (Mariposa), Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Yer Vang (Tulare County), Maria Marquez (Tulare Public

Absent: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Alyssa Furin (Fresno), Ashley Nuhfer (Kings)

Others Present: Ryan Groff (AtoZdatabases), Heather Eddy (as public)

### C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as written.

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2022 (Attachment 1)

Motion: Jones (Mariposa)

Second: Deshpande (Merced)

The minutes were approved.

### F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. DISCUSSION: AtoZdatabases Presentation – Ryan Groff  
Groff presented an overview of AtoZdatabases, highlighting features and tools related to business development, marketing, and workforce development. Marquez (Tulare Public) and Vang (Tulare County) shared experiences in working with AtoZdatabases at their libraries. Committee members discussed pricing and usage. Marquez and Vang will share details with the committee. Boyer will follow up with Groff.
2. DISCUSSION and ACTION: Continuing Teleconferences and Amended Brown Act – Boyer (Attachment 2)  
Boyer shared excerpts from The State of California Government Code, specifically the “Brown Act,” § 54953 related to teleconferences under normal circumstances and as modified by AB361 for meetings during public health emergencies, along with recent guidance from the California Department of Public Health. Committee members discussed the conditions defined as necessary for teleconference exemptions. Boyer mentioned that other SJVLS committees, Admin Council and Automation, have continued to certify meeting under the exemptions allowed in § 54953.  
Tulare County and Tulare Public are still requiring staff to wear masks when dealing

with the public. Committee members acknowledged that meeting virtually reduces potential for exposure, especially when COVID cases are increasing in some communities within SJVLS.

Marquez motioned to meet virtually, following the exemptions allowed in § 54953.

Deshpande seconded. The motion passed.

Ayes: Riggs (Madera), Deshpande (Merced), Jones (Mariposa), Vang (Tulare County), Marquez (Tulare Public)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Boyer stated that the committee will meet again within 30 days to reconsider and recertify teleconference meetings, consistent with the requirements of § 54953.

3. DISCUSSION: Update on Palace Project – Boyer

Boyer provided an update on System Office discussions regarding the Palace Project. Based on information from State Library and cloudLibrary, we could only access the State Library's collection and our existing cloudLibrary collection via Palace Project app. We would not be able to access other library collections or share our collection with other libraries. Initial goal/benefit of the State Library's partnership with Palace Project was to create statewide access to ebooks. We cannot accomplish that now. Chris Wymer is trying to set up a call/meeting to discuss authentication methods. More information may come out of that meeting. System office will continue to update committee on feasibility of Palace Project. Members stated that member libraries are not pushing for Palace Project and are content to wait until content via Palace Project is more accessible.

4. DISCUSSION: Systemwide Resource Priorities – Boyer

Boyer reminded the Committee of a previous discussion about having a survey/form that members can use to rate and report valuable resources and resource types. Committee needs to identify specific resource types. Boyer will create a master list of resources offered by all member libraries. Committee members will be able to provide input on what resource types should be used to identify those resources.

5. DISCUSSION: ERC Presentations to Admin Council – Boyer

Boyer reminded the Committee that Admin Council requested presentations. Admin Council has planned a discussion about Career Online High School. Boyer suggested that might be a presentation opportunity for a library offering Career Online High School. Boyer also suggested that the discussion of resource priorities might provide a topic for presentation. Committee will reconsider presentation topics at upcoming meetings.

## **G. STATUS UPDATE ON SYSTEM RESOURCES**

Pronunciator has offered to print custom bookmarks for marketing. Members expressed interest in the bookmarks. Boyer will contact Pronunciator to discuss details.

cloudLibrary budget will increase next fiscal year. Selection opportunities are available if members are interested.

## **H. CALENDAR ITEMS**

Set the date and agenda building for the next meeting, tentatively July 14, 2022, via Microsoft Teams

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marquez announced that Tulare Public will have an open librarian position soon.  
Riggs shared that Madera will interview next week for open librarian position.  
Boyer announced that Kelly Jo Jones is the new Mariposa representative for ERC.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 p.m.