



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Administrative Council Meeting April 3, 2026

APPROVED MINUTES

A. COUNCIL OPENING

1. Heidi Clark (Tulare City), called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.
2. Roll Call
 - i. Council present: Sally Gomez (Fresno County), Andie Sullivan (Kern County), Tanya Russell (Kings County), Alma Madrigal-Ward (Madera County), Matt Johnson (Mariposa County), Amy Taylor (Merced County), Rebecca Jauregi (Porterville), Heidi Clark (Tulare City), Florencia Wright (Tulare County).
 - ii. Staff present: Chris Wymer (SJVLS), Kevin Nelson (SJVLS), Rachel Nelson (SJVLS)
 - iii. Council absent: Jeannette Davies (Coalinga-Huron).
 - iv. Guests: Brian Henderson (Henderson CPA), Lisa Lindsay (California State Library), Terrance Eckman (Fresno County), Shaylyn Pineda (Kern County), Cristy Canieda (Vasquez), Rhoda Dollaga (Vasquez).
3. Introductions
 - i. Staff introductions were conducted.
4. Agenda Adoption
 - i. Motion to Adopt Agenda – Taylor (Merced County)
 - ii. Gomez (Fresno County) seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment
 - i. None.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion to approve draft minutes of February 6, 2026, and the Financial Update report.
 - i. Motion made by Taylor (Merced County).
 - ii. Gomez (Fresno County) seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed.

C. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

1. Financial Audit FY 2024-25

- ii. Wymer also learned more about the Schools, Healthcare, Libraries for Broadband Coalition (SHLB) at the conference and the work they're doing to advocate to protect the E-Rate program. He shared that it would be a good idea for SJVLS to be more engaged with SHLB in the future.
- 4. SJVLS – System Administrator
 - i. R. Nelson reported that she's been very focused on the ILS RFP process and extended her gratitude to all members for being awesome and engaged throughout the process.
- 5. Senior Network Systems Engineer
 - i. K. Nelson reported about his panel session at the CENIC conference on E-Rate Category 2 funding. He was a part of a panel discussion with 2 other library systems and shared the strategies SJVLS uses to approach and manage our funding requests.
 - ii. K. Nelson also informed Administrative Council that prices for the next PC Order are going to be substantially higher than previous orders, because of the shortages of memory caused by data centers making large purchases of yet-to-be manufactured RAM.

E. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- 1. Wright (Tulare County)
 - i. The opening of the new Springville Library is still delayed due to challenges getting power into the building.
 - ii. The Alpaugh Library closed for renovations, and the Orosi Library is preparing to close.
 - iii. A mural was recently completed at the Lindsay Library. On April 23 there will be an unveiling of the new mural.
- 2. Russell (Kings County)
 - i. The Hanford Library renovation ran into a challenge related to the joint ownership of the building by the County and the City of Hanford.
 - ii. The Hanford and Lemoore Libraries will be getting new furniture for the first time in a very long time.
 - iii. The library received a donation from Leprino Foods, Leprino Foundation to improve the children's space at the Lemoore Library.
- 3. Taylor (Merced County)
 - i. Merced County launched a community read. The title they're reading is *Where Rivers Part* by Kao Kalia Yang.
 - ii. They are busy planning for their Summer Reading Program.
 - iii. They will begin recruitment soon for a new Deputy County Librarian.
- 4. Gomez (Fresno County)
 - i. Fresno County is also busy preparing for their Summer Reading Program.
 - ii. Fresno has a lot of construction projects, and some of them are running into challenges.
 - iii. Demco will be visiting the Central Library to plan a furniture overhaul and replacement project.

5. Jauregi (Porterville)
 - i. The Porterville Library is also gearing up for their Summer Reading Program.
 - ii. The new library building plans were approved by the City Council.
6. Madrigal-Ward (Madera County)
 - i. The renovation project for the North Fork Library is moving forward.
 - ii. They are also gearing up for their Summer Reading Program.
 - iii. They are preparing to open a new story walk.
 - iv. They were invited to promote their library programs on a local radio show.
7. Clark (Tulare City)
 - i. Tulare Public Library is about to open recruitment for their Youth Services Librarian position.
 - ii. They were awarded a Carnegie grant as well but are waiting for the City Council to approve accepting the award.
 - iii. They're preparing for their Spring Book Sale.
 - iv. Their master gardener programs continue to be very popular.
 - v. Their library is going to participate in the "One Book, One Coast" program.
8. Sullivan (Kern County)
 - i. Kern County Library is also preparing for their Summer Reading Program, and Lunch at the Library.
 - ii. They have finished their various renovation projects and have all branches open again.
 - iii. The library recently acquired the historic paintings that were previously housed and stolen from, the Bakersfield Sound.
 - iv. They have been dealing with a lot of security incidents at the Beale Library.
9. Johnson (Mariposa County)
 - i. Mariposa is working on filling vacant Senior Library Assistant positions.
 - ii. They are wrapping up the VITA tax assistance program. It was well received by residents.
 - iii. On April 18, a Marvel comics artist, Jerry DeCaire, will be hosting a program on comic book art.
 - iv. Mariposa will also participate in the "One Book, One Coast" program.
 - v. Johnson has been working recently on updates to the way temporary residents are registered and the borrowing privileges for those patrons.

F. CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Date and location for next Administrative Council Meeting
 - i. May 29, 2026, at the Tulare Public Library.

G. ADJOURNMENT

1. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.