

**MONTANA STATE LIBRARY (MSL) COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 10 a.m.**  
**Montana State Capitol, Room 172, Helena and Zoom**

**MINUTES**

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Commissioners:**

Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Vice-Chair Tom Burnett, Carmen Cuthbertson, Tammy Hall, Brian Rossmann, Chair Robyn Scribner, Peggy Taylor

**MSL Staff:**

Sean Anderson, Nick Beckstrom, Marilyn Bennett, Jennifer Birnel, Malissa Briggs, Bobbi DeMontigny, Lee Fossum, Evan Hammer, Sharon Hardwick, Rebekah Kamp, Ashley Kanduch, Genevieve Lighthiser, Amy Marchwick, Cara Orban, Guil Poelsma, Jennie Stapp, Matt Trebesch, Laura Tretter

**Guests:**

Cascade Library, Maureen Celander, Jenny Connelley, Michele DesRochers, Trudy Dundas, Mitch Grady, Hearst Free Library, Pam Henley, Jennifer, Gail Jorgenson, Anne Kish, Nancy, MC, Mike Powell, Sarah (MCPL), Kelly Reisig, Jonna Underwood, Kirk Vriesman, Ken Wall, Sam Walters, Emily Wicks, Sarah Widger

Agenda: [Attachment 1](#)

(00:00:05) Call to Order and Introductions

(00:01:58) Changes or additions to the agenda

(00:02:10) New staff introductions

Business items

(00:04:17) Consent agenda – Action

- [April 17, 2024 meeting minutes](#)
- [May 10, 2024 meeting minutes](#)

**(00:04:31) Motion by Tammy Hall to move to accept the consent agenda and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Aye**

- Tom Burnett-Aye
- Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye
- Tammy Hall-Aye
- Brian Rossmann-Aye
- Robyn Scribner-Aye
- Peggy Taylor-Aye

(00:05:17) Final State Aid Formula Administrative Rules to add Tribal College Libraries - Stapp - Action

- Public comment

**(00:08:05) Motion by Tom Burnett to move to accept the final state aid formula administrative rules to add Tribal College libraries and the motion passed unanimously.**

- Elsie Arntzen-Aye
- Tom Burnett-Aye
- Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye
- Tammy Hall-Aye
- Brian Rossmann-Aye
- Robyn Scribner-Aye
- Peggy Taylor-Aye

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget – Finance Committee – Action

- Public comment

**(00:33:43) Motion by Tammy Hall to move to accept the FY25 Budget Request except the MSL Commission travel being taken out.**

**(00:34:48) Amendment to the motion by Tom Burnett to move to remove “except the MSL Commission travel being taken out” and add “to change the Commission line item of \$20,000 to \$3,500” and the motion passed.**

**(00:38:00) Vote**

- Elsie Arntzen-Aye
- Tom Burnett-Aye
- Carmen Cuthbertson-Abstained
- Tammy Hall-Aye
- Brian Rossmann-Aye
- Robyn Scribner-Aye
- Peggy Taylor-Aye

**(00:45:34) Motion by Tammy Hall to move to accept the FY25 Budget Request except to change the Commission line item of \$20,000 to \$3,500 and the motion passed.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Aye**
- **Tom Burnett-Aye**
- **Carmen Cuthbertson-Nay**
- **Tammy Hall-Aye**
- **Brian Rossmann-Nay**
- **Robyn Scribner-Aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-Aye**

(00:46:21) FY 2025 Federations Plans of Service - Stapp – Action

- Broad Valleys Plan of Service
- Golden Plains Plan of Service
- Pathfinder Plan of Service
- Sagebrush Plan of Service
- South Central Plan of Service
- Tamarack Plan of Service
- Public comment

**(00:58:16) Motion by Carmen Cuthbertson to move to accept the FY 25 Federations Plans of Service as is and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Aye**
- **Tom Burnett-Aye**
- **Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye**
- **Tammy Hall-Aye**
- **Brian Rossmann-Aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-Aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-Aye**

### **Discussion items**

(00:59:52) MSL staff and Trust for Montana Libraries - Stapp

**(01:22:23) Motion by Tom Burnett to move that an application for grant funds from Trust for Montana Libraries must be approved by the State Library Commission and the motion passed.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Absent**
- **Tom Burnett-Aye**
- **Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye**
- **Tammy Hall-Aye**
- **Brian Rossmann-Nay**
- **Robyn Scribner-Aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-Nay**

(01:29:21) Montana Geographic Information Act grant presentation: Aaron Vaughn-City of Great Falls

## **Standing reports and information items**

(01:52:55) State Library Reports – Stapp and staff

- [FY 24 Work Plan Dashboard](#)
  - [PDF Version](#)
- [Website analytics and broken links report](#)
  - [PDF Version](#)
- [Downloading Dashboard Instructions](#)

## **Commission Goals and Objectives – Commission**

(01:54:14) [Annual business calendar](#)

- [PDF Version](#)

(02:00:10) Officer elections – Action

**(02:00:20) Motion by Tammy Hall to move to nominate Robyn Scribner for State Library Commission Chair and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Absent**
- **Tom Burnett-Aye**
- **Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye**
- **Tammy Hall-Aye**
- **Brian Rossmann-Aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-Aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-Aye**

**(02:01:23) Motion by Tammy Hall to move to nominate Tom Burnett for State Library Commission Vice-Chair and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Absent**
- **Tom Burnett-Aye**
- **Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye**
- **Tammy Hall-Aye**
- **Brian Rossmann-Aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-Aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-Aye**

(02:04:02) Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the State Library Commission.

(02:04:17) Other Business & Announcements

**(02:28:17) Motion Peggy Taylor to move to direct the State Library staff to do the research for alternative funding sources.**

**(02:29:45) Amendment by Carmen Cuthbertson to move to add to the motion “excluding legislative asks” and the motion passed.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Absent**
- **Tom Burnett-Aye**
- **Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye**
- **Tammy Hall-Aye**
- **Brian Rossmann-Nay**
- **Robyn Scribner-Abstained**
- **Peggy Taylor-Nay**

**(02:35:32) Motion by Peggy Taylor to move to direct the State Library staff to do the research for alternative funding sources excluding legislative asks and the motion passed.**

- **Elsie Arntzen-Absent**
- **Tom Burnett-Aye**
- **Carmen Cuthbertson-Aye**
- **Tammy Hall-Aye**
- **Brian Rossmann-Nay**
- **Robyn Scribner-Aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-Aye**

(02:52:59) Adjourned at 12:56 a.m.

Lunch Break from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. State Library Commission discussion with MLA leadership: Kelly Reisig, Kirk Vriesman, Sarah Widger.

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