Present: Dean Smith (Chair), Cynthia Shetter (Vice-Chair); Norice Lee (Professional Library Representative), Elizabeth Martinez (Member of the Public), Eli Guinnee (NM State Librarian)

Members Absent: Michael Taylor (Public Education Department Representative)

Guests: Kate Alderete, Dale Savage, Carmelita Aaragon, Cassandra Osterloh, NMSL; Rexine Calvert, P’oe Tsawa Library; Syreeta Arquero, Pueblo of Cochiti; Brita Sauer, Jessica Pena, Amy Johnson Bassford, Thomas Branigan Library

1. Call to order

Chair brought the meeting to order at 12:08PM

2. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve agenda

First Motion: Shetter  Second Motion: Lee  Passes

3. Approval of minutes of October 21, 2021 meeting

Motion to approve minutes

First Motion: Shetter  Second Motion: Lee Passes

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. State Library Report

Guinnee introduced Deputy State Librarian Kate Alderete. Alderete highlighted current initiatives and NMLA conference plans. A full report will be provided at the next meeting, to include Fiscal Year 22 and 1st quarter Fiscal Year 23.

Smith congratulated the state library on filling vacancies
6. State Grants in Aid Waiver Review and Recommendation

Guinnee recommends waiving as a group: Carnegie Public Library (Las Vegas), Farmington Public Library, Moise Memorial Library (Santa Rosa), Pueblo of San Felipe Library, Santa Clara Pueblo Library, Zia Public Library.

The Commissioners reviewed waiver requests and recommended expedited waivers for minor issues, including the following libraries: Carnegie Public Library (Las Vegas), Farmington Public Library, Moise Memorial Library (Santa Rosa), Pueblo of San Felipe Library, Santa Clara Pueblo Library, Zia Public Library.

Motion to approve expedited waivers as presented.
First Motion: Lee    Second Motion: Martinez    Passes

Guinnee noted that no waiver request was received from Espanola, Deming, Sunland Park, Torreon, Village of Santa Clara. Without a request the Commission has nothing to act on for these. Discussion about why a library would not submit a request but still complete Annual Reports. Savage noted that an Annual Report allows access to other resources, such as GO Bond.

The Commissioners reviewed remaining waiver requests one at a time.

Bloomfield:
Discussion about balance between following NMAC rules to incentivize local support without causing harm to important community institutions.

Motion to recommend waiver with caveat that this is a onetime exception.
First Motion: Lee    Second Motion: Martinez    Passes (3 Yes; Shetter No)

P’oe Tsawa Library:
Discussion about remaining funds from 2022. Calvert assured that funds would be spent quickly.

Motion to recommend waiver with caveat that remaining 2022 funds must be spent by December 31, 2022.
First Motion: Shetter    Second Motion: Martinez    Passes
Pueblo de Cochiti Library:
Discussion about lack of Annual Report to base decisions on, remaining 2022 funding. Arquero assured she will work with Osterloh to submit report.

Motion to recommend waiver with caveat that Annual Report be submitted by October 31, 2022.
First Motion: Shetter  Second Motion: Lee  Passes

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library:
Discussion about Branch library is in a senior center and they do not have any staff in the branch. Sauer and Bassford noted that Sage café has plans to reopen; the city has had difficulty filling positions.

Motion to recommend waiver
First Motion: Lee  Second Motion: Shetter  Passes

Rio Abajo Library:
Discussion about not meeting 1.50 per capita local match. Smith noted they met other 6 criteria.

Motion to recommend waiver
First Motion: Shetter  Second Motion: Martinez  Passes

Santa Ana Pueblo Library:

Motion to recommend waiver
First Motion: Lee  Second Motion: Martinez  Passes

Santo Domingo Library:
Discussion about lack of spending any local money on collection. Osterloh noted that this is unusual and they were doing a heavy weeding project for space and construction project reasons.

Motion to recommend waiver
First Motion: Lee  Second Motion: Shetter  Passes

Zuni Public Library:
Discussion about 83 cents per capita and don’t have a library board/library board meeting. Osterloh noted that director left and remaining staff members are working through issues.
7. New Business

None.

8. Next meeting date(s) and location

October 27, 2022, 11am at the Marriot Pyramid North, Albuquerque.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn
First Motion: Lee Second Motion: Shetter Passes

Meeting adjourned at 1:41PM