

**South Central Kansas Library System Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2024
Douglass Public Library, 319 South Forest Street, 9:30 – 11:00 p.m.**

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Minutes

Call to order—Eldon Younce, Chair

The meeting was called to order by Eldon Younce at 9:30 am.

Roll Call of Executive Committee Members—Paul Hawkins, Recorder

Present

Savannah Ball
Gail Becker
Cari Cusick
Mary Evans
Rhoda MacLaughlin-Ramirez
Jeff Roberson
Cina Shirley
Kerri Steffen
Jean Thiessen
Ginger Williams
Eldon Younce
Christina Zenner

Absent

Barbara Lilyhorn

Also in attendance were Fiona Holly, Sharon Barnes and Paul Hawkins, SCKLS and by Zoom, Monica Rupp, Udall Public Library.

Approval of the March meeting agenda and minutes of January regular meeting—Eldon Younce

A motion to approve the March 2024 agenda and minutes of the January regular meeting was made by Rhoda MacLaughlin-Ramirez and seconded by Kerri Steffen. The motion was approved.

New Business

Presentation of 2023 SCKLS Audit—Christina Henson, The Loyd Group

Christina Henson, CPA, The Loyd Group, presented the 2023 SCKLS Audit. 2023 was the 15th consecutive year in which SCKLS has had no reportable audit conditions.

Acceptance of 2023 SCKLS Audit—Eldon Younce, Chair

A motion to accept the 2023 SCKLS Audit was made by Jeff Roberson and seconded by Gail Becker. The motion was approved.

Authorization of Resolution 2024-01 Annual GAAP Waiver—Paul Hawkins

A motion to authorize Resolution 2024-01 Annual GAAP Waiver was made by Ginger Williams and seconded by Savannah Ball. The motion was approved.

January Financial Reports—Paul Hawkins

Paul Hawkins provided a written memo about the SCKLS transition to QuickBooks Online. The consensus of the Executive Committee was to continue to receive the short report version of the financial statements.

A motion to approve the January 2024 financial reports was made by Christina Zenner and seconded by Rhoda MacLaughlin-Ramirez. The motion was approved.

Director's Report—Paul Hawkins

The retirement of Sharon Barnes, SCKLS Technology Consultant was announced effective December 31, 2024. Paul Hawkins provided an update about the proposed increase in state-aid.

Old Business

None

Public Comment—Eldon Younce, Chair

None

New Business (continued)

Update on House Bill 2176—Paul Hawkins

A written memo was provided with two non-binding, advisory recommendations.

A non-binding, advisory recommendation with respect to the passage by the Kansas Legislature of HB 2176 as amended by the Senate Local Government Committee (March 7, 2024) and subsequent voter

approval of an Arkansas City Area Library District or Udall Area Library District and **concerning Kansas Administrative Regulation. 54-1-15.** Same: transfer of property.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Gail Becker and seconded by Ginger Williams. Discussion followed. The motion was approved.

A non-binding, advisory recommendation with respect to the passage by the Kansas Legislature of HB 2176 as amended by the Senate Local Government Committee (March 7, 2024) and subsequent voter approval of an Arkansas City Area Library District or Udall Area Library District and concerning **Kansas Administrative Regulation; 54-1-3 Admission to regional system of cooperating libraries and KAR 54-1-8. Provision for free service.**

A motion to amend the draft recommendation and strike the wording *“...and to all conditions and terms for the use of grants and services available to a member of the south central Kansas regional system of cooperating libraries [SCKLS]. Such library district shall not be eligible for an annual base grants-in-aid calculated on population, but shall be eligible for an annual supplemental grants-in-aid calculated upon the number of registered library users residing outside of the boundaries of such library district and an annual supplemental grant calculated upon the number of interlibrary loan resource sharing provided by the library district.”* was made by Gail Becker and seconded by Jeff Roberson. Discussion followed.

The motion to amend the recommendation and strike the wording was approved.

A motion to approve the amended recommendation was made by Christina Zenner and seconded by Savannah Ball. The motion to approve the recommendation as amended was approved.

[On the basis of the above Executive Committee actions, a record of the above recommendations that were submitted to the Kansas Senate Committee on Local Government on March 19, 2024 has been attached to these minutes.]

Preliminary Information about the 2025 Proposed Annual Plan and Tentative Budget—Paul Hawkins

A written memo was provided. The consensus of the Executive Committee was that the Director prepare two budget options for 2025. Budget A will reflect a minimum estimated loss of property tax income as a consequence of HB 2176 and an 11-12% reduction in the base grants-in-aid for each of the eligible 70 public and 14 academic member libraries. Budget B would address the same minimum estimated loss of property tax and not reduce the grants-in-aid program base grant amounts, but require SCKLS to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate in order to levy additional tax income.

Adjournment

No April Meeting

No April regular meeting is scheduled and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be

Friday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. No June regular meeting is scheduled in order to accommodate the June 7 State Library of Kansas Board meeting at which the 2025 Proposed Annual Plan and Tentative Budget will be presented.

Note: To request an item be considered for the meeting agenda, an Executive Committee Member should please contact the Chair of the Executive Committee or the Director at least five working days in advance of the meeting.

Public Comment

Public Comment allows a member of the public to talk about a subject related to SCKLS. Matters pertaining to SCKLS personnel and litigation are excluded from public comment. An Executive Committee member may question the commenter, but no action or discussion in response to the commenter is required of the Executive Committee. A person who wishes to address the Executive Committee or System Board during Public Comment is limited to no more than 5 minutes speaking time. Rules of decorum as provided in policy will be observed. The Public Comment Policy is available at: <https://www.sckls.info/home/showpublisheddocument/1582/638454842868290353>

Paul Hawkins

From: Paul Hawkins
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:21 AM
To: Carolyn.McGinn@senate.ks.gov
Cc: S.Local.Govt@senate.ks.gov; Walling, Ray [KSLIB]; Eldon Younce
Subject: HB 2176 and South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) Recommendations

State Senator Carolyn McGinn
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee

Dear Senator McGinn:

Eldon Younce, Anthony, who chairs the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) Board and Executive Committee has authorized me to communicate the following two recommendations to you and members of the Senate Local Government Committee. The two non-binding, advisory recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting on March 15, 2024.

Recommendation: With respect to the passage by the Kansas Legislature of HB 2176 as amended by the Senate Local Government Committee (March 7, 2024) and subsequent voter approval of an Arkansas City Area Library District or Udall Area Library District and in accordance with Kansas Administrative Regulation 54-1-15. Same: transfer of property.

Upon the date the Arkansas City Public Library or Udall Public Library cease to be members of the south central regional system of cooperating libraries [SCKLS] pursuant HB 2176 and in accordance with Kansas Administrative Regulation 54-1-15 Same: transfer of property, the South Central Kansas Library System Executive Committee recommends the South Central Kansas Library System Executive Committee at the time not require the refund or return of any books, furniture, equipment of other property which has been purchased with south central regional system of cooperating libraries [SCKLS] or state funds.

Recommendation: With respect to the passage by the Kansas Legislature of HB 2176 as amended by the Senate Local Government Committee (March 7, 2024) and subsequent voter approval of an Arkansas City Area Library District or Udall Area Library District and in accordance with Kansas Administrative Regulation 54-1-3 Admission to regional system of cooperating libraries and Kansas Administrative Regulation 54-1-8. Provision for free service.

Upon the Arkansas City Area Library District or Udall Area Library District petitioning to join the south central regional system of cooperating libraries [SCKLS] in accordance with Kansas Administrative Regulation 54-1-3. Admission to regional system of cooperating libraries, the South Central Kansas Library System Executive Committee recommends that the South Central Kansas Library System Executive Committee at the time of such petition make such library district eligible for the services of the South Central Kansas Library System one year from the 1st day of January following the approval of said petition by the State Library Board of Kansas unless financial contribution or other agreement by such library district is agreed upon between the South Central Kansas Library System Executive Committee and the petitioning library district. Such library district shall be subject to KAR 54-1-8 Provision for Free Service.

Respectfully,

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