

**Hidalgo County Library System  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Date: January 21, 2016  
Location: Pharr Memorial Library**

**Directors (or Representatives) Present:**

Laura Solis	Alamo	Marisol Vidales	Mercedes
Albert Chambers	Donna	Mayra Rocha	Mission
Letty Leija	Edinburg	Yenni Espinoza	Peñitas
Hilda Molina	Elsa	Adolfo Garcia	Pharr
Susana Villegas	La Joya	Armandina Sesin	San Juan
Kate Horan	McAllen	Arnoldo Becho	Weslaco

**Board Members Present:**

Christine Warren	Weslaco
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**Others Present:**

Socorro Gracia	Mercedes	Romeo Rosales	Pharr
Eddie Gil	Edinburg	Jeannette Castillo	Edinburg
Jorge L. Gonzalez	McAllen		

1. **Call to Order** Marisol Vidales called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.
  
2. **Review of Minutes** A correction to the minutes was made. In section 5, Information Exchange, the use of the word 'where' was corrected to 'were'. Armandina moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015, HCLS meeting as corrected. Arnoldo seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  
3. **Old Business**
  - a. **HCLS County Report**

Marisol reported that this was a busy time for Eddie and that he may have trouble making quick progress on the County Report. The individuals who have not submitted the requested information for the HCLS report were given a deadline of next Thursday the 28th.

Discussion continued regarding formation of a committee to assist Eddie and regarding the composition of the Budget Committee. After discussion the members of the Annual County Report Committee were agreed upon as: Letty (leader), Kate, Yenni, Mayra, and Eddie. The members of the Budget Committee were agreed upon as: Adolfo (leader), Armandina, Kate, and Arnoldo

Arnoldo then reported on input provided by the Texas State Library regarding recommendations and statistics which could help HCLS improve their annual report to the County.

**4. New Business**

**a. TLC Invoice**

The confusion with the TLC invoice was discussed. It was brought up that the TLC invoice is late in arriving and also it was discussed that there is some confusion whether McAllen and Mercedes have already paid their portion. The possibility of changing to another Integrated Library System (ILS) was touched upon. Kate proposed that we give ourselves a week to figure out the invoice status, our plans regarding the move to a new ILS, and other procedures for cancelation. A special meeting will be held following the ERate webinar on Jan 28th at 2:30 pm at the Main Branch of the McAllen Memorial Library.

**b. Vote & Disbursement of Interlocal Funds**

Discussion began regarding the disbursement formula of HCLS Interlocal Agreement funds. Adolfo moved that HCLS funds be distributed equally after library systems expenses. Armandina seconded. Discussion continued regarding the difficulties of figuring out cost associated with transition to another ILS during the middle of the year and progressed to concerns over specification of which library system expenses would be covered. Specifically noted was the exclusion of Donna library system expenses due to that system servicing only that location and not the entire county.

Adolfo retracted his motion. Marisol moved for equal distribution of county funds after county wide ILS expenses. Armandina seconded. Twelve Board members voted for the motion. Donna abstained from voting. The motion passed by majority.

**c. Accreditation /Annual Report**

A reminder to begin our state reports was mentioned. March 1st was agreed upon as the deadline to provide maintenance of effort numbers (including indirect cost) to Marisol for preparation of accreditation estimates.

**5. Information Exchange**      There was no information exchange. A motion to adjourn was made by Armandina and seconded by Kate. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.