San Mateo County Libraries

Agenda Item III., D.

San Mateo County Libraries Joint Powers Authority
Governing Board Emergency Meeting
Minutes of March 13, 2020

Board Members Present:
Charles Stone, Belmont (Chair)
Rick DeGolia, Atherton
Regina Wallace-Jones, East Palo Alto
Sam Hindi, Foster City
Reuben Holober, Millbrae
Mike O'Neill, Pacifica
Maryann Derwin, Portola Valley
Dick Brown, Woodside
Carole Groom, San Mateo County

Staff Present:
Anne-Marie Despain
Nicole Pasini
Danae Ramirez
Jeremy Dennis, Operations Comm. Chair
Brian Kulich, County Counsel

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Emergency Meeting Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 to Discuss San Mateo County Libraries Level of Emergency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic and Library Closures. Minutes. Director Despain provided information on the Library's current emergency response to COVID-19 and level of operations. Library JPA Operations Committee Chair Dennis shared that the Committee just held an emergency meeting and recommended to close all libraries effective March 16 through March 31. The board discussed the public health situation and the motion approved by the Operations Committee. The board discussed closing immediately but ultimately decided to stay with the proposed motion. The Governing Board agreed that they could call another meeting on March 31 to discuss further adjustments if need be but decided to delegate authority to the Library Director to extend the closure to April 30 if needed.

Motion: Effective March 16, 2020, the San Mateo County Library JPA adopts a Level 4 response, as defined in the Agenda Report, through March 31, 2020, with authority delegated to the Director of Library Services to, in consultation with local authorities, (a) increase services at facilities on a case-by-case basis and (b) extend the Level 4 response through April 30, 2020. Passed (MSP: Groom/Stone).

II. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.