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Organization: State Library of Oregon

Date: February 26, 2026

Meeting: Rules Advisory Committee – Ready to Read Grant OARs

In attendance: April Spisak (Albany Public Library), Susana Hansen (Umatilla Public Library), Victoria Campbell (Beaverton City Library), Buzzy Nielsen (State Library of Oregon), Greta Berquist (State Library of Oregon), Jey Wann (State Library of Oregon, note-taker)

OARs under review: 543-040-0005, 543-040-0010, 543-040-0015, 543-040-0020, 543-040-0023, 543-040-0025, 543-040-0030, 543-040-0035, 543-040-0040, 543-080-0040

SUMMARY

Meeting started: 10:03

General topics

Library staff gave a general overview of the Ready to Ready Grant (Division 40) Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) are being revised. The Oregon Department of Justice has reviewed these proposed rule changes. Staff reviewed and explained the proposed changes with the committee:

- Update rules to match current practice.
- Replace quotes from the Oregon Revised Statutes with links to the appropriate statute(s).
- Make definitions consistent with definitions elsewhere in the State Library's OARs.
- Include a new definition of Federate Library System.
- Use actual dates rather than referring to the fiscal year.
- Refer population determination to Division 80 (Public Libraries) rather than repeating wording.
- Move provisions for population determination for special districts, school districts, or other districts to Division 80.
- Clarify options for federated library systems to use if they want to receive grant funds to serve areas not served by other independent public libraries.
- Establish that grant applications received after September 30 won't be funded.
- Grant appeals go to the State Librarian, not to the Board.

- Libraries must submit the previous year's report before they can receive a grant for the next cycle.

Questions/Comments

- Susana said the revisions make sense, and the application process isn't complicated
- Victoria said that Ready to Read funds are very important to their library

Buzzy asked attendees to continue adding comments to the document until March 6. There will be an additional Rules Advisory Committee meeting on March 3. After that, the Library will send a notice of rule revisions to the Secretary of State's office. The Board will hold a public hearing on the changes in May. If adopted, the changes will be effective July 1.

Meeting ended: 10:36