Minutes of the SEO Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2025

This Meeting was held virtually via Teams.

SEO Advisory Committee members in attendance:

Rebecca Wilden, MEC

Laura Lee Wilson, WIL

Jennifer Austin, CPL

Michael Limer, GCC

Sarah Frump-WCH

James Hill, CHI

Becky Coker, DUU

Amie Hatfield, HMR

Sarah Clevidence, FIN

SEO staff attending:

John Stewart, Jay Miley, Michael Postlethwait, Don Winland, Heather Miller, Ron Woods, Brenda Michel, Becky Hill, Nicole Brown.

Presenters: Marshall Breeding (Library Technology Consultant), Don Yarman (OPLIN), Kyle Yost (Dataserv).

Welcome and Call to Order – James Hill

Chair James Hill called the meeting to order. John Stewart welcomed attendees and confirmed the meeting followed SEO Advisory Committee procedures. Introductions were completed.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was made by Becky Coker and seconded by Jennifer Austin. The motion carried unanimously. Approved minutes will be posted to the SEO Support Portal.

Keynote Presentation – State of Library Technology

Marshall Breeding provided a comprehensive overview of trends in the library technology marketplace, including integrated library system migration activity, vendor consolidation, discovery platforms,

SirsiDynix BLUEcloud development, and emerging artificial intelligence applications. Discussion followed regarding vendor stability and implications for future consortium planning.

Acceptance of the Financial Reports – John Stewart

John Stewart reviewed consortium financials for FY26–FY27. Fund 4590 continues to demonstrate a stable financial position with a healthy operating reserve and projected year-end growth. No changes are anticipated to the FY27 member fee schedule, which will take effect July 1, 2026.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Laura Lee Wilson and seconded by Sarah Clevidence. The motion carried unanimously.

OPLIN Updates

Don Yarman provided updates on recent E-Rate program changes, statewide cybersecurity expectations, and an upcoming cybersecurity-focused webinar for libraries.

SEO and Datasev Cybersecurity Pilot Project Update

Kyle Yost from Dataserv presented an overview of the SEO cybersecurity pilot project aligned with House Bill 96, highlighting opportunities to leverage E-Rate Category 2 funding to strengthen library network security. SEO will share information on the project as it progresses forward.

Old Business

Library Relations:
Heather Miller shared updates on library visits, delivery services, new zippered delivery bags, and expanded Niche Academy training offerings, including trustee education.

IT and Systems:
Jay Miley and Michael Postlethwait provided updates on system migrations, Evergreen Community Library's successful go-live, ongoing security enhancements, and early planning for a future Library Software Platform RFP.

New Business

RFP Planning:
The consortium has begun planning for a future Library Software Platform RFP. Jay Miley will serve as the project lead, with support from the SEO Director and IT staff.

Membership Inquiry:

Interest from Dover Public Library in joining the consortium was noted. Migrations are currently paused pending the RFP process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair James Hill.