

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I LEGAL BASIS AND PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees of the Boise Public Library exists by virtue of the provisions of Title 33, Chapter 26 of the Idaho Code. The Board exercises the authority and assumes the responsibility delegated to it by said statutes for the provision of public library service in Boise City.

ARTICLE II SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

Section 1. Number of Trustees

A Board of five Library Trustees, selected from the residents of Boise City, shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Board favors the established custom of the inclusion of one non-voting member of the City Council who will attend board meetings and act as liaison for the Board and City Government.

Section 2. Term of Office

A term of office shall be for five years; the term of one Trustee shall expire each year on June 30th. Trustees shall hold their office from appointment until the term expires and until their successors are appointed. In accordance with City Policy, appointees shall serve no more than two terms or more than ten consecutive years.

By accepting appointment to the Board, Trustees agree to attend a minimum of three-fourths of the regularly-scheduled meetings annually. Unless excused by the president, missing three consecutive regular meetings for other than health-related reasons is considered a resignation from the Board.

Section 3. Salary

All Trustees, officers included, shall serve without salary or any compensation, except that they may receive actual and necessary expenses when engaged in the business of the Library.

Section 4. Vacancies

All vacancies on the Board shall be reported to the Mayor and City Council within five days by the Board, with a request that the vacancy be advertised. The process for filling a vacancy will be prescribed by the Mayor's office.

ARTICLE III POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. Policies

The Board shall have the power to establish all library policies and rules of use and to determine any question of policy.

Section 2. Budget

The Board shall have the power to prepare and adopt an annual budget with the advice and assistance of the Library Director, allocating the proper amounts for materials, salaries, maintenance, and other operating expenses.

Section 3. Expenditures

The Board shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected for the Library Fund.

Section 4. Property

The Board shall have the supervision, care, and custody of any room or building constructed, leased, or set apart for library purposes, and it may, with the approval of the Council, lease and occupy or purchase or erect on purchased ground any appropriate building. The Board shall take charge of the public library, reading rooms, and its branches, and of all real and personal property belonging to it, or what may be acquired by loan, purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, when not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the gift, devise, or with the terms and conditions of the gift, devise, or bequest. The Board shall have the power to make and enforce all rules, regulations, and bylaws necessary to administer, govern,

and protect the Library, reading rooms, and branches, and all property belonging or loaned to it.

Section 5. Appointments

The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Library Director, who will serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Director will act in accordance with the policies of Boise City to hire such employees as may be necessary for the proper operation of the Library, and may recommend their salaries, prescribe rules for their conduct, and remove any employee for good and sufficient cause.

Section 6. Gifts and Trusts

The Board shall receive and administer any trust or any other fund declared or created by gift or otherwise for such library and branches.

Section 7. Other Duties

Additional duties of the Board shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- a. promoting and interpreting the Library and its services to the public;
- b. obtaining adequate funds for library operation; and
- c. developing a program of planned growth and improvement of the Library and library services.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS**

Section 1. Election

The Board shall elect at its annual meeting from its members a President and Vice President who shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until his/her successor is elected. No officer shall serve more than two full consecutive terms.

Section 2. Duties

- a. President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, authorize calls for special meetings, regulate and control public participation,

appoint all committees, execute documents authorized by the Board, serve as ex-officio member of all committees, insure that a true and accurate record is maintained of all meetings of the Board, plan the meeting agenda with the Director, and perform all other duties associated with that office.

b. Vice President

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside and perform all other duties associated with the President's office.

Section 3. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled by majority vote of those Trustees present at the next regular meeting of the Board. Any officer selected to fill a vacancy shall serve from the time of the next election of officers.

Section 4. Removal from Office

Any officer may be removed from office by the Board whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the best interests of the Library shall be served by such removal.

**ARTICLE V
MEETINGS**

Section 1. Frequency

The Board shall meet for business purposes monthly, except as shall be determined in advance by the Board at a regular meeting. The Board shall hold its annual meeting each year in September.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon written request of three members, for the transaction of business stated in the Notice of Special Meeting. Only that business so specified may be acted upon at the Special Meeting. Notification procedures will comply with Idaho Code and Boise City Policies.

Section 3. Quorum

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Voting

An affirmative vote by the majority of Board members present shall be necessary to approve any action of the Board. The President may introduce, vote upon, move, or second a proposal before the Board.

Section 5. Meeting Records

Records of meetings shall be maintained by the Library Director or the Director's designate.

ARTICLE VI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority shall be Roberts Rules of Order, current edition, except as stated in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board with a quorum present, by majority vote of the Board members present. Proposed amendments shall be distributed at least two weeks prior to said meeting.