

Rolling Meadows Library BYLAWS

THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

Section A

The Rolling Meadows Library is established by Chapter 62 of the Rolling Meadows City Code [Attachment] and is subject to the statutes applicable to municipal libraries in the State of Illinois, including but not limited to, 75 ILCS 5/1 et seq.

The governing body of the Rolling Meadows Library is established by Chapter 62 of the Rolling Meadows City Code as a Board of Directors, and is referred to in these Bylaws as the Library Board. Individual members of the governing body shall hereafter be referred to as Library Trustees or Trustees.

Section B

The Library Board shall be responsible for the provision of library services in the City of Rolling Meadows and shall author, implement and publish governing policies. 75 ILCS 5/4 – 7; Rolling Meadows Ordinance Chapter 62, Sec. 62 – 8 [Attachment]

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section A

The Library Board shall consist of nine trustees appointed by the Mayor of the City of Rolling Meadows and an ex-officio director of the Library Board, to be held by one alderperson of the City Council as designated by the Mayor subject to city council approval-as provided by 75 ILCS 5/4-1 et seq.; Rolling Meadows Ordinance Chapter 62, Sec. 62 – 2 (amended 11.28.2023) and Ordinance no. 24-04 (2.13.2024)[Attachment]

Section B

No person shall be eligible to serve as Library Trustee if related, either by blood or by marriage up to the degree of first cousin, to the mayor or any alderperson of the city. Ordinance no. 25-55 [Attachment]

Section C

The term of each trustee shall be three years with one-third of the terms expiring each year. Trustees are ineligible for reappointment after serving three full consecutive terms. Per Ordinance no. 25-55 the first term counted is any appointment after October 14, 2025.

Section D

No trustee or officer shall commit the Library Board in any way to any action or agreement without the vote of the Library Board. No trustee shall represent the Library Board without appointment by the President.

Section E

Any trustee wishing to resign before his/her term of appointment has expired shall submit a written resignation to the Library Board President and to the Mayor of the City of Rolling Meadows.

Section F

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled as original appointments and the trustee so appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. 75 ILCS 5/4 – 4; Rolling Meadows Ordinance Chapter 62, Sec. 62 – 4 [Attachment]

Section G

The Board President shall ensure that an orientation and overview of library operations is conducted with each new trustee. An orientation packet will also be provided to each new trustee. The packet will include copies of the Library Board's Bylaws, Policies, a list of trustees and committees, minutes from the last twelve Board meetings, the Library's Personnel Policy Manual, and any other materials the President deems necessary.

Section H

Trustees shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties from library funds. 75 ILCS 5/4-5; Rolling Meadows Ordinance Chapter 62, Sec. 62 – 5 [Attachment]

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section A

The officers of the Library Board shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section B

Officers of the Library Board shall be elected at the close of the regularly scheduled July meeting of the Library Board. The officers will serve for a term of one year and shall serve until their successors are duly elected.

Section C

No trustee shall serve more than three consecutive one-year terms in the same officer position. A trustee shall be ineligible for election to that same position for a full one-year term, after which the trustee may again be elected to that position.

Section D

The Development Committee will oversee Board Officer nominations and elections by presenting a slate of officer candidates to be voted on by the Board. Nominations from the floor shall also be recognized at the Board Meeting.

Section E

The order of nomination shall be (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary and (4) Treasurer. A majority of the full Board shall elect these officers.

Section F

The President of the Library Board shall:

1. supervise the Executive Director in the preparation of the agenda for each meeting,
2. if a vacancy should occur, appoint temporary officers until an election can practicably be held for any vacant position as per Article III, Section J,
3. call for any special meetings,
4. preside at all regular meetings,
5. create and appoint committees,
6. perform the duties of a presiding officer,
7. vote only in the case of a tie,
8. have custody of one of the two keys to the secure storage for closed session recordings as described in Article V, Section I,
9. sign checks for payment to the library's vendors if the Treasurer or another trustee authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Finance Committee is unavailable to do so, and
10. perform other duties as may be required by law.

Section G

The Vice-President of the Library Board shall:

1. preside in the absence of the President,
2. perform the duties, in the absence of the President, as described in Article III, Section F, and
3. perform other duties as may be required by law.

Section H

The Secretary of the Library Board shall:

1. supervise the recording of the minutes at the Board meetings,
2. review and sign Board minutes to ensure a true and accurate accounting of all proceedings of Library Board meetings,
3. oversee the preparation of the Annual Report 75 ILCS 5/4-10; Rolling Meadows Ordinance Chapter 62, Sec. 62 – 9 [Attachment],
4. schedule and supervise semiannual review of minutes from closed sessions and closed meetings 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d),
5. provide notice for public meetings as described in the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2.02,

6. have custody of one of the two keys to the secure storage for closed session recordings as described in Article V, Section I,
7. perform other duties as may be required by law.

Section I

The Treasurer of the Library Board shall:

1. supervise the financial matters of the library by chairing the Finance Committee,
2. oversee a true and accurate accounting of all library funds,
3. oversee the preparation and review of all financial reports required by law,
4. oversee the annual independent audit of Library financial statements,
5. sign checks for payment to the library's vendors, and
6. perform other duties as may be required by law.

Section J

If an officer resigns before the term expires or is unable to perform duties of office, the trustees of the Development Committee shall select a successor candidate to be presented for election at a regular meeting as soon as is practicable. Nominations from the floor shall also be recognized.

ARTICLE IV - TRUSTEE POWERS AND DUTIES

The powers and duties of the trustees are defined in 75 ILCS 5/4-7.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section A

There shall be regular monthly meetings of the Library Board that do not conflict with City Council meetings. Time, date and place of meetings shall be determined by the Library Board. All public body meetings shall conform to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120 et seq. Public bodies, as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, include library boards, and committees and subcommittees of library boards. Special and Emergency meetings may be called in the following manner:

- (a) when called by the Board President; or
- (b) when three (3) or more trustees submit a written request for a Special or Emergency meeting to the Board President. E-mail will serve as a “written request” for the purpose of this Section. If the Board President is not available and reasonable efforts have been made to contact him/ her, requests for Special and Emergency meetings will be addressed to the following Board Officers (in the order provided):

- 1) Vice President; if not available, then
- 2) Treasurer, if not available, then
- 3) Secretary, if not available, then
- 4) any remaining trustee.

Section B

All regular meetings of the Library Board shall be open to the public and conform to the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120 et seq. A notice of meeting time, date and place of regular monthly meetings shall be posted in a prominent place at the library and on the library's web page.

Section C

Within ten days after the beginning of each calendar year, the Secretary of the Board shall cause public notice to be given of the schedule of regular meetings of the Board for the ensuing calendar year, stating the regular dates, times and places of such meetings, by posting a copy of the notice in the library and on the library's web page in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120 et seq.

Section D

The Board may permit remote participation via video or audio conference at Board or Board Committee meetings to conduct Library business under the following circumstances:

- A quorum of the Board or committee must be physically present throughout the meeting.
- A member requesting to attend by video or audio conference shall give two hours' notice to the Executive Director or designee stating the reason for the inability to physically attend, unless advance notice is impractical.
- A majority of the Board or committee members physically present must vote at that meeting to allow a member to attend the same meeting by video or audio conference.
- The requesting member may attend remotely due to personal illness or disability, employment purposes or other business of the Library, or a family or other emergency. The requesting member must publicly state for the Board their reason for attending by video or audio conference.

All meetings must comply with the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, including 5 ILCS 120/7. Any Board member attending a meeting in-person or by electronic participation is entitled to vote on all issues before the Board or committee. See Ordinance 25-55.

The Secretary will record in meeting minutes the names of those trustees who are physically present and those attending electronically.

Section E

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority (5) of the duly appointed Library trustees.

Section F

Public notice and the agenda for each regular and special meeting will be posted in the library and on the library's web page at least forty-eight hours before such meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2.02. Agendas for special, emergency, rescheduled or reconvened meetings to any news medium that has filed an annual request for such notice will be provided in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2.02(b)

Section G

Missing three consecutive meetings will be considered abandonment of office and result in an automatic vacancy in the appointed board, except in case of medical necessity. Ordinance no. 25-55.

Section H

The Board may meet in closed session upon a majority vote of a quorum present at a meeting open to the public for which notice has been given according to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2a

The roll call vote of each trustee on the question of holding a session or meeting closed to the public and a citation to the specific exception contained in the Illinois Open Meetings Act which authorizes the closing of the session or meeting to the public shall be publicly disclosed at the time of the vote and shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2a

Only topics specified in the vote to close the session or meeting may be considered during the closed session or meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2a No final action may be taken at a closed session or meeting. Final action shall be preceded by a public recital in open session of the nature of the matter being considered and other information that will inform the public of the business being conducted. 5 ILCS 120/2a

The Board shall periodically, but no less than semi-annually, meet to review minutes of all closed sessions or meetings.

At such meetings, a determination shall be made and reported in an open session that (1) the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes or (2) that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. 5 ILCS 120/2.06

Section I

Illinois law requires the verbatim recording of closed sessions or meetings on video or audio recordings, and the storage of such verbatim recordings for at least 18 months. Secure storage dedicated to the storage of audio recordings has been established in the Rolling Meadows Library Administrative Office. The Board President and Board Secretary each have custody of one of two available keys to

the closed minutes secure storage. Each closed meeting topic will be recorded on a separate recording and appropriately labeled for future reference. Immediately after each closed meeting or regular Board Meeting containing a closed session, the Board President, Board Secretary, or the Board President's trustee designee shall deposit the recordings into the closed minutes secure storage. 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (C) states: "The verbatim record may be destroyed without notification to or the approval of a records commission or the State Archivist under the Local Records Act or the State Records Act no less than 18 months after the completion of the meeting recorded but only after:

- (1) The public body (Library Board) approves the destruction of a particular recording; and
- (2) The public body (Library Board) approves minutes of the closed meeting that meet the written minutes' requirements of 5 ILCS 120/2.06."

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section A

The standing committees of the Board and their purposes shall be:

1. Policy & Personnel - periodically review and update library Bylaws and gather, review and update, as needed, Board policies for inclusion in a Policy Manual. Develop, review and update the Personnel Policies, review staff salary ranges, make recommendations for Board action, and review personnel matters brought by the Executive Director.
2. Development - evaluate the Board, evaluate the Executive Director, recommend dates for Board approval to set regularly scheduled Board Meetings as per Article V, Section A, oversee the Board Officer election process, and design an ongoing Board education plan. Oversee the recording of notable events and continuously update the library's history. Set and implement guidelines for honoring library volunteers.
3. Finance - audit monthly expenses, examine and recommend to the Board bills for payment, sign bills for payment to library vendors, develop and monitor the implementation of the annual budget.
4. Planning - prepare the library's capital projects and monitor their progress.

The chairperson of each committee shall supervise the recording of minutes at committee meetings, and review and sign minutes approved by the committee to ensure a true and accurate accounting of all committee meetings.

Section B

The President shall appoint special committees as needed in addition to the standing committees. Special committees shall serve until the completion of the work for which they were appointed. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.

ARTICLE VII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall, in the absence of provisions to the contrary herein, be observed in governing the transaction of the business of the Library Board.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Library Board by a vote of two-thirds of the full Board provided the amendment was read at the previous regular meeting.