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Library Board of Trustees Vacancies

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in being considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the **Library Board of Trustees**. All individuals serve without compensation and are requested to apply for appointment to Martin County Administration by Friday, October 10, 2025. For an Application, please call Martin County Administration 288-5756 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

The Library Board of Trustees shall have the following duties, functions, and responsibilities: To serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administration through the Library Director as follows:

- (a) Should the Library Director position become vacant, the County Administrator will provide the Trustees with the top three candidates being considered, their application and resumes. The County Administrator will solicit comments from the Trustees on each of the candidates and discuss possible rankings of the candidates prior to making a final determination. The final decision will be the responsibility of the County Administrator with confirmation by the Board of County Commissioners.
- (b) Develop library policy with the advice and counsel of the Library Director, especially concerning library hours, book selection, use of meeting rooms, etc.
- (c) Make continuing studies of all existing and future needs of the County in respect to public facilities and services.
- (d) Review the financial position of the library system and make reports and submit recommendations regarding sound and feasible budget financing.
- (e) Keep constantly aware of public library standards, trends, regulations, and legislation.
- (f) Formulate or recommend actions to raise the quality of service and utilization of financial assistance from state, national, and other sources.

To be eligible to serve, all members must be a resident of Martin County and shall not be public office holders nor shall members be employed in the County library or be related to a Library employee. This term will expire in April 2026.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 4pm at the Blake Library <u>and</u> various public library locations. The remaining meetings for 2025 are scheduled for September 17, October 15, and November 19. **Members shall be required to attend two-thirds of the regularly scheduled meetings in any 12-month period, or they shall be dropped from membership.**

Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

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DG/ADM