

ARTICLE 2. - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Cross reference— *Administration, ch. 1.*

Sec. 107.31. - Library Board established as official board.

The currently existing and acting Martin County Library Board is established as an official board of said County.

(Code 1974, § 24-11; Res. No. 73-3.12, § 1, 3-27-1973)

Sec. 107.32. - Composition, appointments; quorum; absences; officers; construction of article.

107.32.A The Martin County Library Board of Trustees shall consist of nine members who are residents of the County, appointed at large by a Board of County Commissioners for staggered terms of three years each. They shall not be public office holders nor shall they be employed in the County library, nor be related to a library employee. Members may be reappointed upon completion of a full three-year term, in addition to serving the balance of an unexpired term appointment. The present members of the board shall serve until their current term expires. The Board of County Commissioners shall fill any vacancy now existing for such term (one, two, or three years) as is necessary to ensure that not more than one-third of the members' terms will expire in any one year. Five members shall constitute a quorum. 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.

107.32.B The following officers shall be elected annually in October by a majority vote of the Library Board of Trustees: chair, vice-chair and secretary. The office of chair shall not be held by one member for more than two consecutive terms.

107.32.C This article shall not be construed as delegating to this board, or its members, any power of a governmental, legislative or administrative nature, but as the establishment of an official instrumentality by which the Board of County Commissioners may claim the benefit of accurate, comprehensive information, advice and counsel concerning all matters relating to the public library and related cultural facilities and programs which may be necessary for appropriate action by the Board of County Commissioners.

(Code 1974, § 24-12; Res. No. 73-3.12, § 2, 3-27-1973; Ord. No. 207, pt. 1, 3-8-1983; Ord. No. 278, pt. 1, 1-14-1986; Ord. No. 823, pt. 1, 6-2-2009; Ord. No. 889, pt. 1, 1-11-2011; **Ord. No. 1125, pt. 1, 2-18-2020**)

Sec. 107.33. - Fiscal year.

The Martin County Library Board's year shall begin on October 1 and end on September 30 each year.

(Code 1974, § 24-13; Res. No. 73-3.12, § 3, 3-27-1973)

Sec. 107.34. - General powers.

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

- 107.34.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;
- 107.34.B. Develop library policy with the advice and counsel of the Library Director, especially concerning library hours, book selection, use of meeting rooms, etc.;
- 107.34.C. Make continuing studies of all existing and future needs of the County in respect to public facilities and services;
- 107.34.D. Review the financial position of the library system and make reports and submit recommendations regarding sound and feasible budget financing;
- 107.34.E. Keep constantly aware of public library standards, trends, regulations and legislation;
- 107.34.F. Formulate or recommend actions to raise the quality of service and utilization of financial assistance from State, national and other sources.

(Code 1974, § 24-14; Res. No. 73-3.12, § 4, 3-27-1973; Ord. No. 207, pt. 1, 3-8-1983; Ord. No. 823, pt. 1, 6-2-2009; Ord. No. 916, pt. 1, 8-7-2012)

Editor's note— The titles of county officers, county employees or county agencies in the above section have been corrected to reflect current titles.

Sec. 107.35. - Adherence to State law and County ordinances.

The Martin County Library Board of Trustees shall, at all times, adhere to the budgetary requirements of State law and to the purchase bidding requirements of County ordinance.

(Code 1974, § 24-15; Res. No. 73-3.12, § 5, 3-27-1973)

Sec. 107.36. - Library property not to be sold, encumbered without approval of County Board of Commissioners.

All property of the Martin County Public Library, both real and personal, is and shall remain the property of Martin County and shall not be sold, pledged, hypothecated or mortgaged without the written consent of the Board of County Commissioners.

This section does not apply to property which is donated to the Friends of the Martin County Library System for the purpose of generating revenue for the library system. It also does not apply to property which has been determined by the library staff to be damaged or unusable for any purpose.

(Code 1974, § 24-16; Res. No. 73-3.12, § 6, 3-27-1973; Ord. No. 959, pt. 1, 8-19-2014)

Secs. 107.37—107.60. - Reserved.