

Pittsburg Public Library Board of Trustees Member

Job Description

The Pittsburg Public Library Board of Trustees consists of seven members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Commission under K.S.A. 12-1222. Library board members are given specific powers under K.S.A. 12-1225. Board members serve four-year staggered terms, each beginning on May 1 and are eligible to serve two consecutive complete terms. The Mayor of Pittsburg also serves as an ex officio member of the board.

No person holding any other office in the city government shall be appointed as a member of the library board while holding such office. All appointed members of the library board must live within the Pittsburg city limits.

Board members should represent a diversity of interests, have experience or knowledge in a variety of fields, and represent a cross section of the community in the areas of age and socio-economic levels. Board members should have an understanding of the community – its needs and resources; and should be involved in the community.

Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings and serve on board committees as needed. It is the board's responsibility to establish written policies, rules, and regulations to govern the library's property, operation, and safety. Library board members receive no compensation for their service.

Specific Duties include:

1. Attend Board meetings and participate in decision-making.
2. Hire the most qualified library director possible and evaluate the director's performance.
3. Set library policies and be aware of what they are.
4. Plan for the library's future.
5. Ensure adequate funding for the operation of the library.
6. Comply with all state laws pertaining to the library.
7. Pursue continuing education in library topics to provide excellent library service to the community.

Please fill out a Library Board Application if you would like to be considered as a potential Board of Trustee Member of the Pittsburg Public Library.

