



SHOREWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATING COMMITTEE

January 23, 2025 Meeting Notes

Present: Trustee Patrick Linnane, Vice President Kara Espera, Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson, and Assistant Director Noah Weckwerth

Call to order: Trustee Linnane called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.

Statement of Public Notice: Director Johnson confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed and posted according to law.

Information Item: Review Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees Terms

Director Johnson presented a chart illustrating previous and current Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees Terms. There are three trustees – Trustee Anjum Alden, Trustee Patrick Linnane, and Trustee Wesley Warren – who are due for reappointment in May 2025.

Information Item: Review Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees Selection Process

With two Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees – Trustee Eric Couto and Trustee Wesley Warren – currently running for elected seats to the Village of Shorewood Village Board of Trustees, it's important for the Nominating Committee to review the trustee selection process.

According to Wisconsin State Statutes 43.54 and the Shorewood Public Library Board of Trustees Bylaws, "Not more than one member of the municipal governing body shall at any one time be a member of the Library Board."

The committee discussed formulating a plan to work with the Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees Judiciary, Personnel and Licensing Committee on selecting a new trustee:

- Put out a call for applications using Village and Library communication channels and/or collect applications on file
- Review applications
- Make recommendations to the Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees Judiciary, Personnel and Licensing Committee for further consideration
- The committee also discussed *Trustee Essentials: A Handbook for Wisconsin Public Library Trustees* Chapter One: "The Trustee Job Description." In reviewing current skills and interests of the full board, the committee expressed a desire to find a trustee with financial experience, if possible.

- *Trustee Essentials: A Handbook for Wisconsin Public Library Trustees* Chapter One: "The Trustee Job Description" will be shared with the Village of Shorewood Board of Trustees Judiciary, Personnel and Licensing Committee.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Recorded and submitted by Director of Library Services Hayley Johnson on the 26th day of
January, 2025