

Committee Summary

Origin

The Hennepin County Library system, established by Extra Session Laws of Minnesota 1967, chapter 24, section 5, provides the authority for the appointment of the Hennepin County Library Board.

Composition

11 members, appointed by the County Board

Duties/Responsibilities

Duties and responsibilities are delegated by legislation and by the Hennepin County Board:

- Determine the contents of the collection.
- Be responsible for the use of library meeting rooms.
- Make recommendations to the county administrator about appointment or removal of the library director.
- Establish rules governing library operation.
- Review the annual operating budget for submission to the County Board.
- Develop a long-range plan.
- Accept and manage gift and trust funds.
- Articulate and endorse major library system goals and initiatives for which significant private financial support and partnership will be necessary to ensure success. The Library Board shall undertake a regular process for recommending these goals to the Friends of the Hennepin County Library for consideration and development.
- May also meet in special committees and attend various meetings and programs throughout Hennepin County, spending an average of 4 to 6 hours a month on these activities.

Term

3 years, with a limit of three consecutive terms. Terms expire on December 31. Incumbents are expected to serve until the County Board of Commissioners makes the appointment.

Meetings

The full board usually meets on the third or fourth Wednesday of each month at various locations. Meetings are scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., but may last up to two hours.

Eligibility Requirements

Must reside in Hennepin County

Compensation

\$50 per board or official meeting, maximum of \$100 per month

Reimbursement

Parking, conference, travel, and other related expenses

Other Information

For bylaws, agendas, meeting minutes, and current meeting schedule, visit the Library website: www.hclib.org, point to Library Information, and click Library Board.

Contact Information

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