

ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the “Gloversville Public Library”.

Section 2: The purpose of the organization shall be to provide public library services to residents of the Gloversville Enlarged School District service area as specified in the charter granted by the New York State Board of Regents. The Gloversville Public Library operates in compliance with New York State Law and the Commissioner of Education’s regulations.

ARTICLE II
Trustees

Section 1: The governing body of the Library shall be a minimum of a seven member Board of Trustees. Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the residents of the Gloversville Enlarged School District.

Section 2: Any legal resident of the Gloversville Enlarged School District, age 18 years or older, that is or will be the only member of their immediate family or household to serve on the Board is eligible to hold the office of Trustee.

Section 3: The term of office for Trustees shall be for a period of five years – to run from July 1 – June 30, the Library’s fiscal year.

Section 4: A Trustee may be removed from office:

- for failing to attend three consecutive regular board meetings without an excuse accepted as satisfactory by a majority of the Board of Trustees. At that point, the trustee shall be deemed to have resigned, and the vacancy shall be filled.
- by vote of a majority of the Board, on examination and due proof of the truth of a written complaint by any trustee, of misconduct, incapacity or neglect of duty; provided that at least one week’s previous notice of the proposed action shall have been given to the accused and to each trustee.

Section 5: In the event of conflict of interest, a Board member will abstain from voting.

Section 6: If an election is held to fill one or more full five (5)-year terms in addition to one or more unexpired terms of less than five years, the candidate receiving the most votes will serve a full term, the candidate with the second most votes will fill the longest remaining term, the candidate with the third most votes will fill the next longest remaining term, etc.

Vacancies which occur for reasons other than the expiration of a full term may be filled by Board appointment until the completion of that fiscal year. The Board will make every effort to fill a vacancy which occurs more than three (3) months before the next election. A candidate may be appointed by a majority vote of the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The newly appointed Trustee may run for any new 5-year or unexpired term at the next election.

ARTICLE III
Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Library Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

- President
- Vice-President
- Vice-President for Finance

The officers will serve without pay.

Section 2: Officers shall be elected at the Organization Meeting of the Board of Trustees by a vote of the majority of the Board.

Section 3: The term of office of all elected officers shall be until the next Organization Meeting.

Section 4: In the event a vacancy shall occur during an officer's term of office, an ad hoc committee shall recommend and the Board of Trustees shall elect a replacement to fill the balance of the term.

Section 5: All positions may be renewed annually.

ARTICLE IV
Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President shall prepare the meeting agenda with input from the Director and preside at meetings of the Board.

Section 2: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 3: The Vice President for Finance shall present a report of the Library's financial activities and condition to the Board as often as the Board may require with the assistance of the Treasurer as necessary; shall present the proposed expenditures of the Library to the Board for approval; shall prepare the Library's annual budget for the approval of the Board; and shall prepare and file an annual financial report with the Board. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Vice President for Finance shall perform the duties of President.

Section 4: The officers are also authorized to sign contracts, applications for aid, and other legal documents. All officers shall be bonded.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1: There shall be a minimum of seven meetings of the Board of Trustees each year, which shall include not fewer than six regular meetings and the Organization Meeting. All meetings shall be open to the public. Notice of meetings shall be published in

one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Gloversville, designated at the Organization Meeting as the board's newspaper of notice.

Section 2: The Board of Trustees shall hold its Organization Meeting during the month of July. At that meeting, the Board shall elect its officers, fix its schedule of regular meetings for the forthcoming year, and appoint two representatives as directors of the Gloversville Library Foundation Board. These appointees will be voting members of the Foundation Board of Directors but need not be elected members of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees. Appointments will expire at the next Organization Meeting and may be renewed annually.

Section 3: Regular meetings shall be held the third Wednesday of the month.

Section 4: Special meetings for the Board of Trustees may be held on call of the President of the Board, or on request of any three (3) Trustees.

Section 5: All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with accepted rules of parliamentary procedure. A majority of the whole number of Trustees, including vacancies, shall constitute a quorum. In order to adopt a resolution, a majority of the whole number of Trustees, including vacancies, must vote in the affirmative.

Section 6: A public comment period will be offered at the start of each meeting, any member of the public in attendance is welcome to speak regarding Library-related matters, if they so wish. Speakers will introduce themselves by stating their name and address. Public comment will be limited to, at most, three minutes per speaker, which cannot be ceded to another speaker; with a maximum comment period of 30 minutes. No responses will be given at that meeting, if any follow up is required, the Library Director, President of the Board or the appropriate committee chair will review the concern and follow up at the next meeting. For the purposes of this policy "Members of the Public" will include only those people who are residents of the Gloversville Public Library service area. Non-residents may not speak during the public comment period unless agreed upon by a two-thirds majority of the Board.

ARTICLE VI Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees: Members of committees need not be members of the Board, however, the chairperson must be a Board member. A committee which meets independently shall report to the Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Board President and Library Director will act as ex officio members of each committee. Committee appointments expire at the Organization Meeting. Positions may be renewed annually.

- A. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of all officers of the Board of Trustees.
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President for Finance, and shall include at least one other Board member and the Library's Treasurer. The Committee shall conduct a monthly audit and make recommendations to the annual budget and the finances of the Library.

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- C. The Building and Grounds Committee shall have a minimum of two Board members and shall make recommendations to the Board concerning repairs and alterations, insurance coverage, and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Board.
- D. The Personnel Committee shall have a minimum of two Board members and shall make recommendations to the Board on all matters of personnel, including performing the annual evaluation of the Library Director.
- E. The Program Committee shall have a minimum of two Board members and shall work with the Director and staff to develop and implement programs.
- F. The Outreach Committee shall have a minimum of two Board members and shall work with the Director and staff to promote the Library and its services.
- G. The Policy Committee shall have a minimum of two Board members and shall work to ensure that Library policies and by-laws are meet the needs of the Library and comply to state and/or other government mandates.
- H. The Sustainable Growth Committee shall have a minimum of two Board members and shall work to grow the Library's revenue stream.
- I. The Trustee Development Committee shall have a minimum of two Board members and shall work to develop a record of qualified residents interested in working on a Board committee or becoming a Trustee, as well as to ensure that current Trustees complete state-mandated annual training.

Section 2:

Ad Hoc Committees: The President of the Board may appoint special committees at any time. The President may also disband ad hoc committees, as necessary.

ARTICLE VII Director

Section 1

The Board shall appoint a qualified Library Director who shall be the executive and administrative officer of the library, under the direction and review of the Board. The Director shall act as professional advisor to the trustees, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Director shall be held responsible for the proper performance of all Library employees and volunteers.

Section 3

The Library Director shall attend all meetings of the Board, including budget meetings or public meetings where action may be taken affecting the interests of the Library. The Director shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees of the Board, and shall have the right to speak on all matters under discussion at Board meetings and committee meetings, but shall not have the right to vote.

Section 4

The Library Director must be a paid position.

ARTICLE VIII Treasurer and Claims Auditor

Section 1 A Treasurer, who is not a member of the Board, shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer may receive compensation. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Library, insofar as may be allowed by law. The Treasurer shall work with the Vice President for Finance in preparing all financial reports. The Treasurer is responsible for paying the Library's bills and payroll, and completing NYS, Federal and additional financial reports.

All checks must be co-signed by an Officer of the Board and the Treasurer.

Section 2 The Board of Trustees may utilize the position of Claims Auditor to certify claims for payment.

A Claims Auditor, who is not a member of the Board, may be appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Claims Auditor will not receive compensation.

The Claims Auditor shall review claims presented for payment, certify that each claim presented for payment was audited and payment is authorized, and work with the Treasurer to prepare a list of warrants for presentation to the Board at its monthly meeting.

See the Claims Audit policy for more details.

AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, including vacancies, at a regular meeting, provided, however, that such changes have been introduced and discussed at a previous meeting. A copy of the proposed changes shall be given to each Board member at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

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