

North Freedom Public Library

Board of Trustees Bylaws

(Revised April 2025)

Article 1

The name of the organization is the North Freedom Public Library, located in the village of North Freedom, Wisconsin; existing by virtue of the provisions of chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and exercising the powers and authority and assuming the responsibilities delegated to it under said statutes.

Article 2

Section 1

Board Composition

The governing body of the library is composed of 5 members, recommended by the Library board, with the appointment of the Village board. One of the members appointed will represent the local school district, with a total of no more than 2 members residing outside the village limits.

Section 2

Terms of Office

The terms of office of trustees shall be three years. If a trustee is appointed to serve an unexpired term of office exceeding 18 months it shall be considered a full term. No more than two terms of office will expire the same year.

Section 3

Disqualifications and Vacancies

Any member who moves out of the area he/she represents shall be responsible for notifying the president of the board of trustees. Upon receipt of such notification, the position shall be declared vacant. The Library board shall suggest to the village board names of persons who may qualify to fill the position. If a member misses 3 consecutive board meetings, their continuation for the remainder of their term will be evaluated and determined at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Article 3

Officers

Section 1

The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, and a secretary elected from among the appointed trustees at the annual meeting of the board. An officer may succeed him/herself. Vacancies in office shall be filled by vote at the next regular meeting of the board after the vacancy occurs.

Section 2

Nominations of officers for terms expiring may be made by the remaining trustees, library director or from the floor at the time of the annual meeting.

Section 3

Officers shall serve a term of three years from the annual meeting at which they are elected and until their successors are duly elected.

Section 4

The president shall preside at all meetings of the board, authorize calls for any special meetings, appoint all committees, execute all documents authorized by the board, serve as an ex-officio voting member of all committees, and generally perform all duties associated with the office. If unable to attend a scheduled meeting, the president will arrange for the Vice President to preside at the meeting.

Section 5

The vice-president shall assume and perform the duties and functions of the president in an event of an absence or disability of the president, or a vacancy of that position. If unable to attend a scheduled meeting where the Vice President was arranged to preside, the Vice President will arrange for a member at large to preside at the meeting.

Section 6

The secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all meetings of the board shall submit a written report of minutes from the previous meeting for board approval, and shall perform such other duties as are generally associated with that office. In the absence of the secretary another board member shall be designated to record minutes.

Article 4

Meetings

Section 1

The regular meetings shall be held once a month, the date and hour to be set by the board.

Section 2

The annual meeting, which shall be for the purpose of the election of officers, shall be held at the time of the regular meeting in April of each year, to be effective May 1st of each year.

Section 3

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedures of the meetings.

Section 4

Special meetings may be called by the president or at the request of two members for the transaction of business.

Section 5

A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting shall consist of a majority of the board. Votes submitted by written proxy may be accepted when signed by absentee board member, provided a quorum is present at the meeting.

Section 6

Public notice must be given at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting time and posted to notify the general public in at least 2 public locations.

Article 5

Library Director and Staff

Section 1

The library director shall be considered the executive officer of the library on behalf of the board and under its review and direction. The Library director will prepare and post the agenda, and prepare all relevant documentation for board members and their meetings. The director shall attend all board meetings but shall have no vote.

Section 2

The library staff report to the Library Director. Staff are not required to attend Library board meetings, and shall have no vote.

Article 6

General

Section 1

An affirmative vote of the majority of all members of the board present at the time shall be necessary to approve any action before the board. The president may vote upon and may move or second a proposal before the board.

Section 2

Any rule or resolution of the board, whether contained in these bylaws or otherwise, may be suspended temporarily in connection with business at hand, but such suspension, to be valid, may be taken only at a meeting at which a majority of the board shall be present and two-thirds of those present shall so approve.

Section 3

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the board by majority vote of all members of the board; votes will be in person, virtual or by written proxy to the board president in advance of the meeting. Written notice of the proposed amendments shall have been provided to all members at least ten days prior to the meeting at which such action is proposed to be taken.

These bylaws will be in force upon adoption by the board of trustees of the North Freedom Public Library on the 4th day of April 2025.

Kathy Andreasen, President
Josh Andreasen, Trustee
Niki Breunig, Trustee
Athena Markley, Trustee
Carissa Zweck, Trustee