

Are You Trustee-Worthy?

Ethics for Trustees

Trustee Ethics Checklist

- Listen carefully
- Respect opinions
- Support decisions
- Respect the board's authority
- Stay informed
- Participate actively
- Communicate issues that could have a negative effect
- Tell the library story
- Listen to and refer complaints
- Don't micromanage
- Hire the best director
- Represent the whole community
- Be good fiscal stewards
- Learn and grow
- Avoid conflict of interest
- Don't expect special treatment
- Uphold confidentiality
- Respect the spirit and intent of the Open Meetings law



6 Questions You Should Ask Yourself

1. Why should someone serve on a board?
2. Why should someone not serve on a board?
3. What if my personal/social/religious beliefs are in conflict with the library's mission and policy?
4. Do I know my library's mission?
5. Do I understand and support all of the library's policies (not just the ones I agree with)?
6. If a trustee behaves unethically, what action may or should the board take?

