Director Evaluation Policy

The Library Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting, hiring and regularly evaluating a qualified Library Director.

In addition to this responsibility, the Library Board is charged with working in partnership with the Library Director to:

1. create and develop the mission of the library
2. plan and evaluate the library's service program based on community needs
3. secure adequate funding
4. exercise fiduciary responsibility
5. adopt policies regarding library governance
6. maintain facility needs
7. promote the library to the community
8. conduct library business in a legal, ethical and transparent manner
9. incorporate practices of diversity, equity and inclusion to promote a just library

In return, the Library Director is equally accountable for working with the Board of Trustees on all library matters that fall under Library Board responsibilities by developing a healthy institutional culture for staff, volunteers, patrons and community members to ensure successful public library services. Specific responsibilities are highlighted within the Library Director's Job Description.

Process

The Library Director shall have their performance and salary evaluated annually in accordance with the anniversary date of the Library Director's hiring by the Board of Trustees.

The performance evaluation will be developed by the Board of Trustees based on the following:

- Goals and objectives as mutually established by the Board and Director.
- Execution of duties and responsibilities as described in the Director's Job Description
- Accomplishment of the library's goals as described in the Strategic Plan.

Assessment for the performance evaluation may utilize the following means:

- Survey of the Library's Board of Trustees
- Analysis of library performance – Annual Statistical Report to the State

Upon completion of assessment, the Personnel Committee shall present the written performance evaluation along with any supporting data to the Board for approval. At that time the committee may make a recommendation for salary change to the Board of Trustees.

Considerations for determining salary change may include:

- Overall results of assessment as summarized in written performance evaluation
- A comparison to other agency leaders or library directors within the region

In the case of a newly hired Library Director, a six-month progress report shall be conducted based on realistic objectives established by the Board of Trustees and the Library Director at time of hire. The new Library Director will also have a one-year anniversary evaluation to begin the annual evaluation process detailed in this policy. Objectives for one-year anniversary are similar to the objectives established at time of hire.

The Library Director may submit a written reply to the Library Board in the form of a letter that serves as supporting documentation to the review process. The letter can support or disagree with comments shared by the Library Board within the written review.

A written copy of all evaluations furnished by the Board, and signed by the Board President and Library Director, along with supporting documents shall be filed in the Library Director's personnel file, and made available to the Board of Trustees or Library Director upon request.

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