

**AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND
PROVIDING FOR ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes authorizes counties operating a library system to provide an ordinance that such system be operated pursuant to Article 14 thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted that the Randolph County Library System be operated pursuant to Article 14 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes of North Carolina as follows:

SECTION 1: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Membership

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners shall appoint the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees. The Board shall consist of nine (9) Trustees who geographically represent Randolph County. Not more than two (2) Trustees should be appointed from the same census township. The Commissioners shall strive to appoint a Public Library Board of Trustees comprised of individuals with connections to each of the seven (7) Public Libraries located in Randolph County. Each Trustee shall serve a three (3) year term, and no Trustee shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. The Trustees shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, annually. Each Randolph County Commissioner shall nominate proposed Trustees representing libraries in their voting district. In addition to nominations for Trustees from each voting district, the Asheboro Public Library district and the Archdale Public Library district will each have one (1) additional Trustee. Each nomination shall be voted on and approved by a majority of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners. The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall be comprised as follows:

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| a. Asheboro Library district | (2 Trustees) |
| b. Archdale Library district | (2 Trustees) |
| c. Ramseur Library district | (1 Trustee) |
| d. Seagrove Library district | (1 Trustee) |
| e. Liberty Library district | (1 Trustee) |
| f. Randleman Library district | (1 Trustee) |
| g. Franklinville Library district | (1 Trustee) |

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners is hereby appointing a new panel of Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees. During the initial appointment of Trustees, the following initial terms shall be adopted in order to ensure a staggered rotation of Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees.

- a. Asheboro Trustee I 3 year term
- b. Archdale Trustee 1 3 year term
- c. Ramseur Trustee 3 year term
- d. Seagrove Trustee 2 year term
- e. Liberty Trustee 2 year term
- f. Randleman Trustee 2 year term
- g. Franklinville Trustee 1 year term
- h. Asheboro Trustee 2 1 year term
- 1. Archdale Trustee 2 1 year term

Following the initial terms of newly appointed Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees outlined above, all Trustee terms shall be three (3) year terms as outlined in this Ordinance.

The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall also include ex-officio (non-voting) members as follows:

- a. The Randolph County Public Library Director
- b. One (1) Randolph County Commissioner
- c. One (1) liaison representing the Friends of the Library to be appointed by the organization's President.

These ex-officio members shall be appointed annually.

B. Meetings

The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall meet on a regular basis with a specific meeting schedule to be determined by the Trustees from time to time as needed. Said meetings will take place at a time, at or after 6:00 pm, and location so that members of the public may attend said meetings. Any Trustee missing three (3) consecutive meetings shall relinquish the appointment unless excused by a majority vote of the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees. Trustees may be reimbursed for mileage to and from meetings at the current County-approved rate and may be paid a meeting fee as set by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

C. Powers and Duties

The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall serve as a bridge of communication between the community and the library and, as such, should solicit input concerning the library from citizens of Randolph County. The Trustees should, in their role as advocates, aid in presenting issues involving the library system to local, state, and federal lawmakers. The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees is encouraged to utilize any training, seminars, or other information available from the North Carolina School of Government, the North Carolina Department of Cultural and Natural Resources, or any other agency that may be beneficial.

The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall review and approve library policies and should be familiar with standards for North Carolina Public Libraries.

The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall control and administer the Library Trust fund as set forth in the resolution adopted by the Randolph County Commissioners on September 1, 1992.

The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall establish a schedule of fines and charges for late return of, failure to return, damage to, and loss of library materials, and shall take other measures to protect such materials.

D. Challenge to Objectionable Material

If any library material is challenged as being objectionable by any individual or group, the following policy of "reconsideration" shall be adopted. A three (3) person panel consisting of the current Library Director, Assistant Library Director, and Service Area Head from the Library department overseeing the area in which the challenged material is located shall review the complaint and make a ruling on the issue. The Panel shall rule on the original complaint as set forth in the Randolph County Public Libraries Reconsideration Policy and Procedure. Any qualified party as defined in the Randolph County Public Libraries Reconsideration Policy may appeal the decision. In the event a decision is appealed, the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall consider the challenge at their next regularly scheduled meeting. After reviewing the appeal of challenged material, the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall vote on the matter. The Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees shall be the final authority on all decisions concerning challenged material.

SECTION 2: LIBRARY DIRECTOR

A. Progress/Financial Reporting

The Library Director or his/her designee shall present an oral report on progress and change concerning the library at each meeting of the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees.

B. Policy Changes

The Director shall bring to the attention of the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees any recommended changes or additions to current library policies and shall implement in a timely manner any policy changes after approval by the Trustees.

SECTION 3: REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCE

The previous "Library Ordinance," enacted June 7, 1993 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective March 2, 2026.

Upon Motion of Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, the foregoing Ordinance was polled by the following vote:

Approve: ____
Against: ____

I, Dana Crisco, Clerk of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the governing body of Randolph County at a regular meeting thereof, a quorum being present.

This the 2nd day of March, 2026.

Clerk to the Board