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**DIRECTORY**



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## **Mission of the Birmingham Public Library**

The mission of the Birmingham Public Library is to provide the highest quality library service to our citizens for life long learning, cultural enrichment, and enjoyment.

The Birmingham Public Library is committed to:

- Quality public service
- Reading
- Valuing and empowering employees
- Free and equal access to information and resources
- Leadership
- Honesty, integrity and responsibility
- Embracing diversity
- Collaboration and community partnership
- Innovation in the delivery of library resources

## **Vision of the Birmingham Public Library**

The Birmingham Public Library, building on its tradition of excellence and professional leadership, will be indispensable in linking people with the universe of information.

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# **Birmingham Public Library Board Committees**

**Advisory Committee members, are non-voting members, who provide advice, from a citizen and/or staff perspective to the appropriate board committee.**

## **Finance Committee**

The committee is to review library transactions such as annual audits, annual budgets and financial funds. The committee should also review other funds held for the library by outside entities including the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham and the Tutwiler Fund. Following reviews the committee may recommend changes in the management of certain funds. The committee should also ensure that Alabama’s competitive bid laws are followed as set out in Section 3-3-14. Usually the committee will need to meet prior to and during the budget preparation period. Also, the committee should meet with the internal and external auditors. The committee may recommend policy revisions or new policies for the consideration of the director and the full Board. The committee Chairperson has the discretion to schedule meetings based on need. However, it is recommended that the committee meet at least once a quarter.

**Judge Scott Vowell, *Chair***

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## **Advocacy, Fundraising and Development Committee**

The committee is to provide the guidelines and direction to establish a fundraising/development plan for the long term success of Birmingham Public Library. The committee should work with staff to review and develop the system’s fundraising and development policies, future plans and make recommendations to the board. The committee may recommend policy revisions or new policies for consideration of the director and the full Board. The committee Chairperson should work with the committee members to schedule meetings based on need. However, it is recommended that the committee meet as soon as possible to organize.

**Dora Sims, *Chair***

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## **Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee shall recommend a president and vice president, and this slate of nominees shall be presented at the annual meeting. The committee may recommend policy revisions or new policies for the consideration of the director and the full Board.

**WILL APPOINT AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE ANNUAL MEETING**

## **Personnel Committee**

The committee is to meet to review personnel issues. The committee may recommend personnel policy revisions as well as develop new policies for consideration by the director and the full Board. The committee Chairperson has the discretion to schedule meetings based on need. However, it is recommended that the committee meet at least once a quarter.

**Georgia Morgan Blair, *Chair***

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## **Policies, Procedures and By-Laws Committee**

The committee is to provide an annual comprehensive review of all the system's policies to determine if they are in compliance with Federal, State, County and City laws and ordinances. When a review warrants that a change needs to be made to a policy, the committee will be responsible for working with the director to revise and develop a new policy. The committee may need to confer with City of Birmingham attorneys concerning a suggested change to Board by-laws and policies. Any changes the committee recommends may be presented to the director and the full Board for consideration. The committee Chairperson has the discretion to schedule meetings based on need.

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## **Long Range Planning**

The committee is responsible for overseeing the library's relationship with the public and key stakeholders in the community. The mission of the committee is to identify and encourage library advocates, promote information to support library advocacy, identify current and emerging advocacy issues, and to create strategic alliances with Friends of Birmingham Public Library. The committee may recommend policy revisions or new policies for the consideration of the director and the full Board. The committee Chairperson has the discretion to schedule meetings based on need. However, it is recommended that the committee meet at least once a quarter.

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