

CODE OF ETHICS

WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEMBERS SHALL ETHICALLY SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY MAKING DECISIONS AND TAKING ACTIONS WHICH WILL ENHANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE REGION AND THE CITIZENS SERVED BY THE WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND BY PROMOTING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY, *INDEPENDENCE ABILITY, AND IMPARTIALITY OF THE WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. Members shall uphold the prestige of their office, and avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.
2. Members shall not convey the impression that they are in a position to influence the outcome of a decision of the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library Board of Trustees and shall not attempt to use their office to influence or sway the professional staff recommendation.
3. Members shall not disclose their determination nor render their intended vote on any agenda item prior to the agenda item being heard and voted on by the collective body of the Board of Trustees.
4. Members shall discharge their duties and responsibilities without favor or prejudice toward any person or group. Members shall not allow personal or business relationships to have impact upon their conduct or decisions in connection with Board of Trustees business and shall not lend their influence towards the advancement of personal interests or towards the advancement of the interests of family, friends or business associates.
5. Members shall avoid creating the appearance of impropriety by refraining from engaging in private discussions with the applicant or their representatives about specific upcoming Board of Trustees agenda items. If a Member receives a private written, telephonic or electronic communication about an agenda item, the Member will promptly forward the information to the Board of Trustees Secretary so that it may be shared with all other Board of Trustees Members.
6. Members shall not accept or solicit a gift, loan, payment, favor, service, promise of employment, business contract, meal, transportation or anything else of value, if such thing is given with the understanding or possibility that it will influence the official action of the Member during the Board of Trustees proceedings. The same standard shall apply to a gift, loan, favor, etc., for the spouse, child or any relative or business partner of the Member.
7. Members should refrain from participating in any proceeding in which their impartiality may reasonably be questioned. A member who's personal, employment or business relationship with a person or entity that is subject to a recommendation of the Wythe-Grayson Board of Trustees shall seek the advice and counsel of the Legal Counsel, if such a relationship could conceivably influence the Member's impartiality during the Board of Trustee's discussion of the subject. The provisions set forth by The Code of Virginia shall govern conflict of interest determinations.
8. Members shall remain vigilant against deviations from Wythe-Grayson Regional Library Board of Trustees by-laws, policies, and purpose.

**Freedom from dependence on or control by another person, organization, or state.*

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Sign: _____