

# Midland Public Library

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The purpose of the Library Board is to govern the affairs of the public library in service to the community. This policy sets out the work of the Library Board and the ways in which the Library Board achieves its purpose.

1. The Library Board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient public library service by:
  - a) developing and expressing the Library Board's philosophy and values
  - b) articulating mission, service priorities and long term strategy
  - c) setting policies on governance and service
  - d) delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and evaluating their performance annually
  - e) planning for further library development
  - f) advocating for library service
  - g) overseeing the development and implementation of a fundraising/sponsorship plan in cooperation with the Library CEO and staff
  - h) securing the resources to achieve the intended results
  - i) exercising financial oversight
  - j) evaluating strategic results annually and redeveloping the strategic plan as needed
  
2. The Library Board governs effectively by:
  - a) working proactively and making strategic decisions that focus on the library's future and place in the community representing the interests of the community
  - b) providing opportunities for Board development and training
  - c) working effectively as a team
  - d) working collaboratively with the CEO, library staff and the Council
  - e) evaluating the Board's performance annually
  - f) engaging the community in determining responsive and dynamic library service
  - g) behaving with integrity
  - h) ensuring all Board meetings are available to the public unless closed for a special purpose within the framework of Section 16.1 of the Public Libraries Act

## Related Documents:

- Midland Public Library. ***BL 04 – Powers and Duties of the Board***