

About the Meridian Library District Board of Trustees

Meridian Library District Library Board of Trustees are elected by District residents as directed by Idaho Code (IC §§ 33-2720). If you are interested in a board position, please review the Library Trustee Job Description for qualifications. Trustee Elections are held in May every odd year (IC §§ 33-2715-2718); candidate filings are due in March of that same year. Ada County will make legal notifications for the election, including publishing the notice for petitions for candidacy. Petitions will be filed with the clerk of the district. (IC §§ 33-2722) The county will publish the notice(s) of election.

The Meridian Library Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., online and/or in a conference room at one of the District branches. Special meetings are called as needed. Board meetings are open to the public and follow the Idaho Open Meeting Law (IC §§ 72-2) and Trustees adhere to the Idaho Public Records Act (IC §§ 74-1). Trustees are volunteers and are not compensated.

Library Board of Trustees:

Biographies are available at <https://www.mld.org/board>

- **Jeff Kohler - Chair**
Term ends 2025
- **Destinie Hart – Vice-Chair**
Term ends 2029
- **Laura Knutson - Treasurer**
Term ends 2027
- **Josh Cummings - Trustee**
Term ends 2027
- **Jodi Christensen - Trustee**
Term ends 2025
- **Nick Grove - Library Director**

Idaho Code §§ 33-2715. BOARD OF TRUSTEES — SELECTION — NUMBER — QUALIFICATIONS — TERM — OATH — APPOINTMENT OF FIRST BOARD. (1) Each library district shall be governed by a board of trustees of five (5) members elected or appointed as provided by law, who at the time of their selection and during their terms of office shall be qualified electors of the district and if trustee zones have been established under section 33-2718, Idaho Code, shall be a resident of the trustee zone. Trustees shall be elected at each trustee election, held on the uniform election date in May. The regular term of a trustee shall be for six (6) years, or until his successor has been elected and qualified. Within ten (10) days after his appointment an appointed trustee shall qualify and assume the duties of his office. An elected trustee shall qualify and assume the duties of his office at the annual meeting. All trustees qualify by taking the oath of office required of state officers, to be administered by one (1) of the present trustees or by a trustee retiring.

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Resources

Idaho Trustee Manual (Idaho Commission for Libraries) -

<https://libraries.idaho.gov/trustees-directors/>

Idaho Statutes, Title 74 Transparent and Ethical Government (includes Public Records Act, Open Meetings Law and Ethics in Government) -

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title74/>

Idaho Secretary of State Elections - <https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/>

Idaho Secretary of State Ethics in Government Manual -

<https://www.ag.idaho.gov/content/uploads/2018/04/EthicsInGovernment.pdf>

Ada County Clerk Election Resources - <https://adacounty.id.gov/elections/>

United for Libraries; American Library Association Division for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations - <http://www.ala.org/united/>