



Memorandum

To: The Honorable Judge Richard Cortez

From: Kate P. Horan, MLS, County Librarian

Date: December 2, 2021

Subject: Request to Approve Amended Bylaws for HCLSL

The Hidalgo County Library System (HCLSL) is requesting consideration and approval of an amendment to the bylaws.

Article IV – Board of Directors; Section 1: Number and Qualifications

a. Board Members and Voting:

Original: Each member library shall be represented by its director as its Board member. In addition, the County shall appoint one lay member for each precinct. Lay members shall serve staggered terms of two years each. Each member shall have one vote.

Proposed: Each member library shall be represented by its director as its Board member. In addition, the County shall appoint one lay member for each precinct. Lay members shall serve staggered terms of two years each. Each member library and lay member shall have one vote.

Original: The President and Vice President shall be elected from the public library directors of the Board. They shall be elected in November of every second year and shall take office the following January.

Proposed: The President and Vice-President shall be elected from the public library directors of the Board, or a designee who must hold a Masters of Library Science from an ALA-accredited university with their director's approval. They shall be elected in November of every second year and shall take office the following January.

Original: The Secretary shall be elected from the remaining Board members including the lay representatives.

Proposed: The Secretary shall be elected from the remaining Board members, other staff, with their director's approval, and lay members.

The HCLSL Board of Directors recommends approval. Thank you.