

FLLS Board of Trustees Continuing Education Policy

This policy addresses the Finger Lakes Library System Board of Trustees's ongoing commitment to continuing education for its members.

As of January 1, 2023, all FLLS Trustees will follow the regulations found in Education Law 260-d added by Chapter 468 of the Laws of New York State 2021, which require library trustees to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee education annually.

Per Education Law, trustee education topics may include financial oversight, accountability, fiduciary responsibility and the general powers and duties of a library trustee.

While the law, as written, applies only to member library trustees, this policy makes it clear that FLLS trustees will also follow this law to ensure our trustees receive education that increases their competence and confidence in their role to govern the system.

Trustees should submit proof of attendance at an approved continuing education event no later than November 30 of each year to the FLLS administrative assistant. The preferred proof of attendance is a certificate of attendance from the education provider. If this is not possible, trustees will complete a self-assurance of trustee education activity completion form provided by Finger Lakes Library System staff.

"Approved events" offered by "approved providers" are terms that will be defined by guidance provided by the NYS Division of Library Development.

Noncompliance with this policy is potential cause for removal from the Board of Trustees.