

LOCUST VALLEY LIBRARY
OPEN MEETINGS LAW POLICY

Pursuant New York State Law, meetings conducted by the Board of Trustees will be held in accordance with the New York Open Meetings Law.

The Open Meetings Law and this policy require that proper notice of all meetings will be given by the Board Secretary, minutes will be taken of every meeting, and all meetings will be open to the public. However, the law recognizes that the Board, after an appropriate motion and second, may enter into Executive Session to discuss issues which fall into the following areas:

1. Matters which if disclosed would imperil the public safety;
2. Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
3. Information regarding current or future investigations or prosecutions of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
4. Discussions of proposed, pending or current litigation, or to obtain advice of counsel;
5. Discussions regarding collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to the New York State Taylor Law;
6. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
7. The preparing, grading, or administering of examinations; and
8. The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by the Locust Valley Library but only when publicity would substantially effect the value thereof.

While the Library recognizes that it may vote in Executive Session on any of the above items, it may not vote to appropriate public funds in Executive Session.

While the Board of Trustees of the Library will permit the Secretary and/or his/her representative to electronically record meeting proceedings, the Trustees do not generally permit other recording devices of any kind in its meetings. However, if an individual insists on the use of such a device, the Board of Trustees *may* allow same as long as it does not become disruptive to the meetings proceedings.

As Adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 18, 2017.