



Ohio Revised Code Section 5180.35

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Dollywood foundation" means the Dollywood nonprofit foundation headquartered in Tennessee.

(2) "Dolly Parton's imagination library of Ohio" means the nonprofit organization within the Dollywood foundation created to fund and manage the operations of the Dolly Parton's imagination library in the state.

(B) The Dolly Parton's imagination library of Ohio advisory board is created. The board may do all of the following:

(1) Work with the Dollywood foundation and local nonprofit organizations located in each participating county to ensure all books distributed under the program remain at no cost to Ohio families;

(2) Provide advice and recommendations to the Dollywood foundation on the appointment and hiring of the Ohio director of the Dollywood foundation who will manage the daily operations of Dolly Parton's imagination library of Ohio;

(3) Provide strategic advice to the state director;

(4) In conjunction with the state director, act as the public representatives of the Dolly Parton's imagination library of Ohio;

(5) Not sooner than July 1, 2025, and subject to funds appropriated by the general assembly for that purpose, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Dollywood foundation to operate Dolly Parton's imagination library of Ohio for the fiscal biennium that begins on that date;



(6) Enter into any subsequent memoranda of understanding with the Dollywood foundation to operate the Dolly Parton's imagination library of Ohio, as the Dollywood foundation determines necessary. However, each such memorandum only shall last the duration of one fiscal biennium, and the funding of the board shall be subject to funds appropriated by the general assembly for that biennium.

(C) The board shall consist of the following twelve members:

(1) Nine voting members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate;

(2) One voting member appointed by the president of the senate;

(3) One voting member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(4) The director of children and youth, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member, or the director's designee.

(D) Members shall not be compensated for work as members of the advisory board to the extent that serving on the board is considered a part of the member's regular duties of employment.

(E) Each voting member appointed to the board shall serve a term of three years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Each member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Members may be reappointed to an unlimited number of successive terms.

(F) Any voting member of the board may be removed by the member's appointing authority for misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty.



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Pursuant to section 3.17 of the Revised Code, the board shall remove a voting member who fails to attend at least three-fifths of the regular and special meetings held by the board during any two-year period.