

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD POLICY

INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

PURPOSE & SCOPE. The purpose of this policy statement is to outline the responsibilities, general objectives, and specific guidelines for management of public funds by the Oak Lawn Public Library. Its scope is all public funds of the Library.

RESPONSIBILITIES. All investment policies and procedures of the Oak Lawn Public Library will be in accordance with Illinois Law. The authority of the Library Board of Trustees to control and invest public funds is defined in the Illinois Public Funds Investment Act and the investments permitted are described therein. Administration and execution of these policies are the responsibility of the Treasurer who is hereby designated as the “chief investment officer” of the Library acting under the authority of the Library Director.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. Management and administrative responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Chief Investment Officer. The Chief Investment Officer, and by designation, the Library Director, is responsible for establishing internal controls and written procedures for the operation of the investment program.

“PRUDENT PERSON” STANDARD. All Library investment activities shall use a “prudent person” standard of care. This standard shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio and specifies that investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital, as well as the probable income to be derived. Investment officers, acting in accordance with this Policy and the written procedures of the Library, and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for a security’s credit risk or market price/value changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

OBJECTIVES. In selecting financial institutions and investment instruments to be used, the following general objectives should be considered in the priority listed:

- Legality (conforming with all legal requirements)
- Safety (preserving capital and including diversification appropriate to the nature

and amount of the funds)

- Liquidity (maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet current obligations and those reasonably to be anticipated)
- Yield (attaining a market rate of return on investments)

GUIDELINES. The following guidelines should be used to meet the general investment objectives:

E) Legality and Safety:

1. Investments will be made only in securities guaranteed by the U.S. government, or in FDIC insured institutions including SAIF of the FDIC. Deposit accounts in banks or savings and loan institutions will not exceed the amount insured by FDIC coverage (unless adequately collateralized pursuant to Regulations of the Federal Reserve regarding custody and safekeeping of collateral).
2. Authorized investments include and will primarily consist of Certificates of Deposit and participation in the Illinois Funds, a Public Treasurer's Investment Pool for the State of Illinois.

B) Liquidity:

In general, investments should be managed to meet liquidity needs for the current month plus one month, based on forecasted needs, and any reasonably anticipated special needs.

C) Yield-Return on investment:

Within the constraints on Illinois law, considerations of safety, and this investment policy, every effort should be made to maximize return on investments made. All available funds will be placed in investments or kept in interest bearing deposit accounts. Non-interest bearing deposit accounts may be used when interest rates are so low that banking fees exceed anticipated interest earned on library funds.

REPORTING. Investments, fund balances and the status of such accounts will be reported at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Library Board. At least annually, the Chief Investment Officer shall review this Policy in consultation with the Director for any needed modifications and report to the Board on the investment portfolio, its effectiveness in meeting the Library's need for safety, liquidity, rate of return, diversification and general performance. These reports will be available to the general public upon request.

INTERNAL CONTROLS. In addition to these guidelines, the Chief Investment Officer shall establish a system of internal controls and written operational procedures in consultation with the Director designed to prevent loss, theft or misuse of funds.

AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. Any financial institution shall be considered and authorized only by the action of the Library Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Chief Investment Officer in concurrence with the Director. The Chief Investment Officer will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Library trustees and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activities that might conflict with the proper execution and management of this investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions, or that could give the appearance of impropriety.

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