



# City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION  
FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager  
DATE: 1/22/2026  
RE: Lake County Library Advisory Board

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**Introduction:**

This item is for consideration of the re-appointment of Dr. Betsy Dokken as the Eustis Memorial Library representative to the Lake County Advisory Board.

**Background:**

The Eustis Memorial Library joined the Lake County Library System in January 2020. As a member of this system, the Eustis Memorial Library maintains a seat on the County Library Advisory Board. This includes a main person and an alternate when available. Dr. Dokken has served on this Board for the last 4 years and has served as vice chair and chair and is the current Chair this year. The Lake County Library Advisory Board approves and recommends the libraries annual plan of service, as well as impact fee and annual appropriation allocation of funds.

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends approval of Dr. Betsy Dokken as a member of the Lake County Advisory Board

**Policy Implications:**

The person appointed to this position is an advocate for the Eustis Memorial Library and is able to vote on system-wide decisions such as County plans, long range plans and annual plans of service. The County Library Advisory Board also makes recommendations for the budget and allocation of funds to participating libraries.

**Alternatives:**

As member libraries with the County, we are required by Interlocal Agreement to have a representative for the Eustis Library approved by our Commission. Other Eustis Memorial Library Board of Trustee members could apply if interested.

**Budget/Staff Impact:**

There is no budget impact for this appointment.

**Business Impact Estimate:**

The person in this position represents the Eustis Library as a member library to the Lake County Library position. They vote on Impact fee grant requests for all libraries as well as budget allocations.

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