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Date: March 14, 2022
To: RCPL Board of Trustees
From: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
Re: Library Board Bylaws and Rules

Date: March 7, 2022
To: Emily Tupa, Policy Committee Chair
From: Terri Davis, Director
Re: Library Board Bylaws and Rules

Motion: Move to approve revisions to the Library Board Bylaws and Rules as presented.

Background: The Library Board Bylaws currently refer to an annual meeting in January, at which time new officers are elected. However, because of timeframes imposed by the City Finance office, the January meeting is typically moved to a different day, and has been limited to approval of minutes and bills. In addition, if new members have been appointed to the Board, the January meeting is typically their first meeting, and they would not be in a position to make an informed decision about officer elections.

By keeping new member appointments in January, but moving the annual meeting to March, this would allow time for the new Board members to become more familiar with the other members, as well as gain some familiarity regarding Board meetings. The library's annual report and Board members' annual conflict of interest statements can also be addressed at this meeting.

Changes have also been made to clarify the existing practices for the appointment of a Rapid City Council board member by Council Leadership and that revised dates for regular board meetings which fall on a holiday are agreed upon by the board.