

North Suburban Library System  
Open Meetings Act Policy

Pursuant to Public Act 93-0523, the North Suburban Library System hereby adopts the following policy concerning verbatim records of its closed meetings:

1. A verbatim record of all closed meetings of the System shall be kept in the form of an audio recording. The System shall provide the recording device and only one recording device will be allowed. Individuals shall not be allowed to bring their own recording device to closed meetings.
2. The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the System, or his or her designee, shall be responsible for operating the recording device for all closed meetings of the System. Each committee of the Board of Directors shall designate in writing the individual responsible for recording closed meetings and shall submit such designation to the Secretary of the System.
3. The Secretary shall maintain the audio recordings in a safe and secure location under lock and key. Access to non-released recordings shall be limited to Executive Director, or his or her designee, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Board of Directors of the System. Individuals allowed access shall sign a log indicating the date and time they listened to a particular recording. Individuals allowed access shall listen to a recording only under supervision of the Executive Director, or his or her designee. No copies of any non-released recordings shall be made.
4. The verbatim record of a closed meeting may be destroyed eighteen (18) months after the completion of the meeting if the Board of Directors of the System approves the destruction of the particular recording, and also approves written minutes for the particular closed meeting that contain the following, as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act:

- (1) the date, time and place of the meeting;
  - (2) the members of the public body recorded as either present or absent; and
  - (3) a summary of discussion on all matters proposed, deliberated, or decided, and a record of any votes taken.
5. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, shall on a periodic basis, but not less frequently than quarterly, inspect and listen to the recordings to check their quality and completeness, and report on any problems to the Board of Directors.

Unless the Board of Directors has determined that a recording no longer requires confidential treatment, or otherwise consents to its disclosure, the verbatim recordings of closed meetings made pursuant to Paragraph 1 above shall not be open for public inspection or subject to discovery in any administrative proceeding other than one brought to enforce the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. In a civil action brought to enforce the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, a recording will be made available to the court for *in camera* examination for the purpose of determining whether a violation of the Open Meetings Act exists. In the case of a criminal proceeding, a recording will be made available to the court for *in camera* examination for the purpose of determining what portion, if any, must be made available to the parties for use as evidence in the prosecution.