

Library Board of Trustees Application

Additional Info

GENERAL INFORMATION

A meaningful public service commitment for the community-oriented individual

Colorado Library Law addresses the composition of Boards in CRS 24-90-108. The power and duties of library boards appear in CRS 24-90-109. The Board for a library district is considered to be a governing board, as opposed to an advisory board. Under Colorado Library Law, governing boards are empowered to adopt and oversee the library budgets, adopt library policy, set direction, and to hire and supervise the director of the library district.

Seven members serve on the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees. The term of office is five years; vacancies are filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. In order to encourage greater participation on the board from the community, board members may serve for no more than two terms regardless of the length of any unexpired term served. One or two trustee terms usually expire annually. This ensures continuity yet allows for the regular introduction of new Board members.

Applicants must reside within the Pikes Peak Library District. Board members serve without remuneration.

Members of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees are appointed jointly by the Colorado Springs City Council and the El Paso County Commissioners.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 12:00 PM on Friday, October 24, 2025.

What is your full name?	<div>Austin Jurgensmeyer</div>	Required
What is your preferred name?	<div></div>	
How long you have lived in this area?	<div>Over 10 years</div>	Required
Occupation?	<div>Principal Consultant</div>	Required
Employer?	<div>Peak Insights</div>	
Job Title?	<div>Founder & Principal Consultant</div>	
Years in Occupation?	<div>15</div>	
How did you learn of this vacancy?	<div>Via the city website</div>	Required
Are you a Library card holder?	<div>Yes</div>	Required

Board Meetings and Time Commitments

The Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees normally meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Extra meetings are scheduled as needed. Board committees meet at various other times.

Will you be able to attend Board meetings?

Required

Are you able to consistently contribute additional time to committee meetings and Board-hosted events?

Required

The term for this appointment is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030. Are you able to commit to serving this full term?

Required

A diverse Board with a variety of interests and skills provides a broad base of knowledge for decision making.

1. Please list any past or present affiliations: With which other Boards, community groups, civic involvement, professional organizations, advocacy, or volunteer groups have you been affiliated?

Affiliated with Compassion International (global data and strategy leadership) and founder of Peak Insights Consulting in Colorado Springs. I began my career in aerospace, later expanding into nonprofit and business leadership. I also serve as a real estate entrepreneur and small business owner committed to advancing learning, innovation, and community growth in our city.

Required

2. What training, experience, or special skills would you bring to the Library Board that may be unique? (Select Blue box with an "i" for info.)

I bring a blend of aerospace, data, and nonprofit leadership experience, specializing in strategy, analytics, and organizational effectiveness. As founder of Peak Insights Consulting, I help organizations use data to make informed decisions. I'd bring a strategic, analytical, and community-centered perspective to support the Library District's mission of learning and access for all.

Required

3. Why do you wish to serve on the Library Board?

As a long-time resident and local business owner, I'm deeply invested in the growth and vitality of our city. I'm particularly interested in serving on a board that connects strategy, community development, and data-driven decision-making.

Required

4. What do you see as the role of the library in the community?

I resonate with PPLD's mission to "Cultivate spaces for belonging, personal growth, and strong communities". I believe the library should provide inclusive and welcoming spaces that support diverse voices, perspectives, and pursuits.

Required

5. What do you know about government finance, tax revenues, and/or the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), specific to PPLD?

My understanding is that to comply with TABOR, PPLD must ensure that its revenue does not exceed the constitutional cap, which is calculated based on inflation and population growth.

Required

6. Which PPLD facilities and resources do you use?

I have primarily used the 21c Library.

Required

7. Other comments:

Fill out, complete, and download this **Application Form** with your **Résumé** and apply via EMAIL, FAX, or POSTAL MAIL

EMAIL the completed application form and résumé to Volunteer@elpasoco.com or

FAX the completed application form and résumé to (719) 520-6397 or

POSTAL MAIL the completed application form and résumé to:

El Paso County Commissioners' Office

Attention: Jesse Cruz

200 South Cascade Avenue, Suite 100

Colorado Springs, CO 80903-2208

Questions can be directed to the following:

(719) 520-6391

JesseCruz@elpasoco.com

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PPLD Volunteer Board Application Full Answers
Austin Jurgensmeyer

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Contact

www.linkedin.com/in/austinjurgensmeyer (LinkedIn)

Top Skills

Business Analytics
Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Data Science

Languages

Spanish (Limited Working)

Certifications

Tableau Analyst
Tableau Data Scientist
JPAL MIT - Evaluating Social Programs - [Monitoring, Evaluation, RCT, Statistical and Cost Effectiveness Analysis, Policymaking]
Swiftwater Rescue Advanced

Publications

High Efficiency Thermoelectric Coolers for Use in Firefighter Applications
HIGH EFFICIENCY THERMOELECTRIC DEVICES FABRICATED USING QUANTUM WELL CONFINEMENT TECHNIQUES

Austin Jurgensmeyer

Collaborative, Strategic & Transformational Leader
Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States

Summary

Austin is a dynamic and results-driven professional with 15 years of experience and a proven track record in strategy development, leadership and data-informed decision-making across various industries and roles. Austin is committed to leveraging expertise in strategy, program management and business analytics to develop and lead teams, drive organizational growth, and increase positive development outcomes worldwide.

Experience

Peak Insights Consulting
Founder & Principal Consultant
May 2016 - Present (9 years 6 months)

Data-powered strategy to cut waste, increase revenue, drive efficiency, and grow your bottom line

At Peak Insights Consulting, we're a small, client-focused consulting firm dedicated to delivering customized solutions that truly fit your business. We work with a select number of clients to ensure each engagement receives the time, attention, and care it deserves. Our approach is highly collaborative — we take the time to fully understand your goals, listen closely to your needs, and adapt our strategies as your business evolves. We pride ourselves on client satisfaction and work hard to earn your trust, striving to become not just a service provider, but a long-term partner in your success.

Austin brings expertise in business strategy, data analytics, AI and ML. At Blue Origin, he consulted on business performance and profitability modeling for lunar missions on the New Glenn rocket and at United Launch Alliance, he managed the design and launch strategy for national security payloads. He has also consulted on small and mid-sized business strategy from a local cake shoppe to a nationwide plumbing supply company. Most recently Austin held a high-level leadership role at Compassion International and led multi-

million dollar projects that involved complex international datasets leveraged to increase both effectiveness and revenue worldwide.

Home in the Rockies

Founder and Owner

December 2012 - Present (12 years 11 months)

- Founded a \$7 million housing business with multiple employees.
- Developed and implemented a data-informed, national strategy increasing business value by 128%.
- Provide affordable, safe, quality housing and friendly service to numerous families.

Compassion International

5 years 1 month

MERL Vice President - Interim

February 2023 - September 2024 (1 year 8 months)

- Led & unified, alongside a colleague, an incredible, 80 person MERL team during a transitional period, exceeding major enterprise-level goals amidst extended leadership changes.
- Managed a \$11M annual budget for research, survey design, data collection, analysis, visualization, training and knowledge management in 27 countries and over 2 million participants
- Led the development of ground-level data collection software, the top enterprise priority, showcased by the CEO for data collection and visualization in over 24,000 implementing partner groups.
- Designed and operationalized strategies, tools and KPIs for global and national growth to reach impoverished families more effectively.
- Demonstrated intra-department collaboration as well as external strategic alliance partnerships.

MERL Director of Learning - (Data Science, Analysis, Training & Knowledge Management)

August 2021 - January 2023 (1 year 6 months)

Had the privilege of leading a world-class team in analysis, data science, strategic advising, training, development, knowledge management & communications focused on identifying high ROI interventions that maximize impact and benefit for impoverished children in 25 developing countries.

Analyst - Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, Learning & Business Intelligence

September 2019 - August 2021 (2 years)

BLUE ORIGIN

Mission Systems Design Engineer - Consultant

June 2019 - September 2019 (4 months)

Mission Design Consultant for New Glenn rocket development of the trajectory and performance business strategy for maximizing rocket capabilities and profitability for lunar missions in a highly competitive market.

Mission Design Lead for Leading Edge Integration of NROL Missions: Defined National Reconnaissance Office requirements and developed mission designs to meet NRO needs for a variety of target orbits and spacecraft. Utilized trajectory & performance optimization, 3 DoF (Open-Loop), 6 DoF, guidance simulation, monte-carlo, orbital accuracy and flight performance reserve analyses.

Contract Position through PDS

The Sugarplum Cake Shoppe

Business Strategy Consultant

May 2016 - October 2017 (1 year 6 months)

Colorado Springs, Colorado Area

Analyzed current business model, market, finances and implemented a redesigned business strategy leading to enduring increased productivity, market share, and profitability.

United Launch Alliance (ULA)

5 years

Program Manager - Mission Design

May 2014 - September 2016 (2 years 5 months)

Led project teams to develop data-informed strategies for successful launches of government, commercial, and international payloads.

Directed trajectory and performance strategy development for the Vulcan rocket design, optimizing market sizing and KPI development.

Analyzed future market in space and developed capability requirements to enable future Vulcan rocket to be competitive. Lead new business team to develop project designs which were affordable and met schedule and technical requirements of new customers.

Mission Engineer - Trajectory & Performance

May 2012 - May 2014 (2 years 1 month)

Designed, analyzed and flew the first northeast flight of the Delta IV rocket for GPS IIF-6 satellite. Validated first flight of new simulation software on GPS IIF-9 mission.

Trajectory Engineer

October 2011 - May 2012 (8 months)

Analyzed trajectory, performance and range safety data of rockets for commercial and government customers.

United Launch Alliance (ULA)

Structures Materials and Processes Engineer

May 2010 - August 2010 (4 months)

Centennial, Colorado

ULA - United Launch Alliance - Lockheed Martin & Boeing

Quality Control, System Safety & Factory Support Engineer

May 2009 - August 2009 (4 months)

Harlingen, Texas

Education

Colorado State University

MS, Mechanical Engineering · (2009 - 2011)

Babel International Language Institute

Competency Certification B1.1, Spanish · (2015 - 2015)

Colorado State University

BS, Mechanical Engineering · (2006 - 2010)