

3. They may have and use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure break, alter, or renew.

4. They shall each, before entering upon the duties of their office, before some judge or justice of the peace, take and subscribe an oath "that they will diligently and faithfully execute the duties and trusts, and exercise the powers committed to and invested in them as trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county, according to the best of their skill and judgment."

5. They shall keep a book, in which shall be entered the minutes of their proceedings, and the certificate of each trustee having taken and subscribed the oath mentioned in the preceding section.

6. When the said trustees, or a majority of them, or any four, shall have taken and subscribed the said oath, they shall be qualified and competent to perform all the duties of trustees.

7. All the lands, houses, and other property hitherto vested in the trustees for the poor of Baltimore county, and not sold or otherwise legally disposed of, and all lands, property, estate or effects heretofore vested in the trustees of the poor of Baltimore county, are vested in the trustees of the poor of Baltimore city and county; and they are entitled to receive and keep all the books, papers, proceedings, vouchers and documents relating to the poor of Baltimore county, and the lands and the property aforesaid.

8. They, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint all such officers, clerks, agents, and servants as they may think necessary, and, at their pleasure, to remove and discharge the same.

9. They shall fix and prescribe the duties of all such officers, clerks, agents and servants, and fix and determine their compensation.

10. They may admit into the alms-house and receive under their care, in addition to those paupers which the laws of this State authorize or require, such indigent or distressed persons as in their opinion the dictates of humanity or particular circumstances render proper or necessary.