
OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Thursday, November 18, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.

Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch – 2100 Reading Plaza (Elkhorn)

ZOOM MEETING OPTION

The Board meeting will be available to be watched via [Zoom](#) by any member of the public.

If you would like to speak on an agenda item through Zoom, email the [Recording Secretary, Jenna L. Garcia](#), with the following information by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 17:

- Name
- Address
- Item(s) you wish to speak on
- Proponent or opponent

You will receive a confirmation email once all of the above information has been received.

Any member of the public may attend any Board meeting in person to speak on agenda items as well without prior registration.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

2. This meeting has been advertised in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on November 12, 2021, and is held in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) is available on the table and on the wall.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [Casey Kralik, Branch Manager](#)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORT/PRESENTATION

4. Rachel Steiner, Assistant Director; Elizabeth Johnson, Senior Manager of Operations; and Stacy Lickteig, Senior Manager of Branch Services

ACTION ITEMS

Any person who has been invited to speak or has requested to speak before the Trustees is requested to be brief and to limit his or her comments to five minutes or less, after identifying themselves by name and address for public record. When more than one person wishes to address the Trustees on a Consent Agenda item or Resolution, the proponents will be invited to speak first, followed by the opponents. The proponents will be given a brief period for rebuttal of any new information presented during the opponent's presentation, after which public comments will be concluded. Trustees will ask any questions at the conclusion of any public comments, prior to voting. The President, or presiding officer, may use reasonable discretion to limit or extend a speaker's time to avoid redundancy, to assure a thorough public discussion on matters before the Board, and to end discussion.

This Agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be available for public inspection at the Omaha Public Library Administration Office (W. Dale Clark Main Library), 215 South 15th Street, Omaha, during normal business hours.

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RESOLUTIONS

Public comment and Board approval is today.

5. [Approval of minutes – October 21, 2021](#)
 6. [Res. 2021-10 Approval of Board of Trustees to lend its support to working jointly with Heritage Services, the City of Omaha, and other community stakeholders to create a plan for enhancing existing and creating new public library spaces and programming for the benefit of all citizens of Omaha](#)
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BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. [Finance Committee](#) – Korf (Chair), Kennedy, *Vacant*
8. Facilities Committee – Wang (Chair), Lutz, Mullen
9. Community Engagement Committee – Barrett (Chair), Grundy Meadows, Williams

REPORTS

10. [Friends of Omaha Public Library](#) – Jeanne Spence (Advisor/Past President)
11. [Omaha Public Library Foundation](#) – Wendy Townley (Executive Director)
12. [Director’s Report](#) – Laura Marlane (Executive Director)
13. Board President’s Report – Mike Kennedy (President)
14. Library Liaison Reports – Library Trustees

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

Any member of the public may address the Board on a topic of relevance to the Omaha Public Library, after identifying themselves by name and address for public record. Trustees may engage in questions and discussion of any topic presented, but any desired action will be placed on a future agenda.

15. Input, Comments, and Questions

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. The Board may recess and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel issues, and/or any other matter allowed by law.

ADJOURNMENT

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