

## OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.

Florence Branch – 2920 Bondesson Street

#### CALL TO ORDER

1. The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at the Florence Branch, 2920 Bondesson Street. Vice-President Korf called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary, took the Roll Call:

**PRESENT:** John Barrett  
Cameron Gales  
Keegan Korf, Vice-President  
Rochelle Mullen  
Bryan Wilson  
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

**ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING:** Tulani Grundy-Meadows  
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mike Kennedy, President

#### CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

2. Vice-President Korf stated that the meeting is held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#), a copy of which is available on the table and wall. The Library certified [publication](#) of the meeting in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on July 15, 2022.

#### BRANCH REPORT

3. Lois Imig, Branch Manager

Lois Imig, Branch Manager, appeared and spoke. She discussed important facts about the Branch and its patrons, and answered questions from Board members.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Vice-President Korf stated that 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.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Vice-President Korf stated that public comment and Board approval is today.

4. [Approval of minutes – June 16, 2022](#)

Vice-President Korf opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 4.

No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

**MOTION by Mullen, SECOND by Gales, that Agenda Item 4 (Approval of minutes – June 16, 2022) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Gales, Korf, Mullen, Wilson

Nays: None

Abstain: Barrett

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1**

5. [Res. 2022-11 Approval of 2023 budget request](#)

Vice-President Korf opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 5.

No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

**MOTION by Mullen, SECOND by Barrett, that Agenda Item 5 (Res. 2022-11 Approval of 2023 budget request) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Gales, Korf, Mullen, Wilson

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

**REPORTS**

6. [Director's Report](#) – Laura Marlane (Executive Director)

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

7. Board President's Report – Mike Kennedy (President)

None.

8. [Friends of Omaha Public Library](#) – Margaret Pope (President)

Margaret Pope, President of Friends of Omaha Public Library, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her report.

9. [Omaha Public Library Foundation](#) – Wendy Townley (Executive Director)

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of Omaha Public Library Foundation, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her report.

10. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

Vice-President Korf stated that updated Liaison assignments will be completed.

Board member Bryan Wilson was introduced and welcomed.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

11. **Finance Committee** – Korf (Chair), Kennedy, Mullen

The public hearing for the 2023 budget is on Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m.

12. **Community Engagement Committee** – Barrett (Chair), Grundy Meadows, *Vacant*

None.

13. **Facilities Committee** – Wang (Chair), Gales, Mullen

An interim downtown space has been located and will be voted on by the City Council to ensure there is limited disruption of services.

**PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS**

Vice-President Korf stated that 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.

14. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

Vice-President Korf opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 14.

No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. 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.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Mullen, SECOND by Gales, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Gales, Korf, Mullen, Wilson

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:39 P.M.**

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Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

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Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer

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