

OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.
Saddlebrook Branch – 14850 Laurel Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

1. The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at the Saddlebrook Branch, 14850 Laurel Avenue. President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

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

PRESENT: John Barrett
Cameron Gales
Keegan Korf, Vice-President
Rochelle Mullen (via Zoom) (Non-voting)
Albert Varas
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer
Bryan Wilson
Mike Kennedy, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: Tulani Grundy Meadows

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

2. President Kennedy 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 October 14, 2022.

BRANCH REPORT

3. **Julie Humphrey, Branch Manager**

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

DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

4. **Maggie Petersen, Outreach & Partnerships Manager**

Maggie Petersen, Outreach & Partnerships Manager, appeared and spoke. She discussed her Department and answered questions from Board members.

ACTION ITEMS

President Kennedy 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

President Kennedy stated that public comment and Board approval is today.

5. **[Approval of minutes – September 21, 2022](#)**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 5.

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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Wilson, that Agenda Item 5 (Approval of minutes – September 21, 2022) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Gales, Korf, Varas, Wang, Wilson, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

6. **[Res. 2022-13 Approval of revised Holiday and Closing Dates for 2022](#)**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 6.

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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Varas, that Agenda Item 6 (Res. 2022-13 Approval of revised Holiday and Closing Dates for 2022) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Gales, Korf, Varas, Wang, Wilson, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

REPORTS

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

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

8. **[Advisory Committee Report](#)**

Trustees Wilson and Mullen highlighted items from the report.

9. **Board President and Vice-President Report** – Mike Kennedy (President) and Keegan Korf (Vice-President)

President Kennedy welcomed the newest Board member, Albert Varas.

10. **[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.

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

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared via Zoom and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

12. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. **[Finance Committee](#)** – Korf (Chair), Kennedy, Mullen, Wilson

None.

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

None.

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

None.

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

President Kennedy 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.

16. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 16.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. 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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Korf, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Gales, Korf, Varas, Wang, Wilson, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:06 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer