
OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.
Millard Branch – 13214 Westwood Avenue



CALL TO ORDER

1. The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Millard Branch, 13214 Westwood Avenue. President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Tulani Grundy Meadows
Keegan Korf, Vice-President
Keith Lutz
Rochelle Mullen
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer
Mike Kennedy, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: John Barrett
Cameron Gales
Kristin Williams

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. The Library certified [publication](#) of the meeting in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on March 11, 2022.

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.

3. **[Approval of minutes – February 17, 2022](#)**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 3.

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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Korf, that Agenda Item 3 (Approval of minutes – February 17, 2022) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Grundy Meadows, Korf, Lutz, Mullen, Wang, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

4. **[Res. 2022-05 Approval of Omaha Public Library 2022-2026 Library Services Strategic Plan](#)**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 4.

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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Korf, that Agenda Item 4 (Res. 2022-05 Approval of Omaha Public Library 2022-2026 Library Services Strategic Plan) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Grundy Meadows, Korf, Lutz, Mullen, Wang, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

REPORTS

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

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

6. **Board President's Report** – Mike Kennedy (President)

President Kennedy stated that Gales would like to move to the Facilities Committee.

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

Margaret Pope, President of Friends of Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

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

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

9. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

Korf expressed her excitement to see the [Common Soil Seed Library](#) expanding to other branches.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Korf and the Finance Committee are connecting with Ms. Marlane to discuss the 2023 budget.

11. **Community Engagement Committee** – Barrett (Chair), Gales, Grundy Meadows, Williams

Grundy Meadows stated that she and Barrett met with Margaret Sullivan Studios the previous week. There is a lot of engagement happening in various forms, with information available on the [website](#).

12. **Facilities Committee** – Wang (Chair), Lutz, Mullen

Wang stated that the Facilities Committee has been involved in many meetings regarding the proposed facilities with the two projects.

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.

13. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 13.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. 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: Grundy Meadows, Korf, Lutz, Mullen, Wang, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:49 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer