

OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.

W. Clarke Swanson Branch – 9101 West Dodge Road

CALL TO ORDER

1. The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 West Dodge Road. Vice-President Korf called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: John Barrett
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 November 11, 2022.

BRANCH REPORT

3. **Matt Couch, Branch Manager**

Matt Couch, Branch Manager, appeared and spoke. He discussed important facts about the Branch and its patrons, and answered questions from Board members.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

4. **Deirdre Routt, Collection Development Manager**

Deirdre Routt, Collection Development Manager, appeared and spoke. She discussed her Department 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.

5. **[Approval of minutes – October 19, 2022](#)**

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 Wilson, that Agenda Item 5 (Approval of minutes – October 19, 2022) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Gales, Mullen, Varas, Wilson, Vice-President Korf

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

6. **[Res. 2022-14 Approval of agreement between Omaha Public Library and Ralston Public Library](#)**

Vice-President Korf opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 6.

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

MOTION by Gales, SECOND by Mullen, that Agenda Item 6 (Res. 2022-14 Approval of agreement between Omaha Public Library and Ralston Public Library) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Gales, Mullen, Varas, Wilson, Vice-President Korf

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

REPORTS

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

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

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

Trustees Mullen and Wilson highlighted items from the report.

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

A. Reminder – no meeting in December

None.

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, President of Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

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

Vice-President Korf shared her excitement about patron access to the [New York Times](#).

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

Trustee Mullen highlighted items from the report.

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.

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

Vice-President Korf 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 Mullen, SECOND by Varas, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Gales, Mullen, Varas, Wilson, Vice-President Korf

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:47 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer

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