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## OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Wednesday, May 17, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.  
Milton R. Abrahams Branch – 5111 North 90th Street

### ZOOM MEETING OPTION

The Board meeting will be available to watch 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. Tuesday, May 16th:

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

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

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

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### 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 May 12, 2023, 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. Katy Lofgren, Branch Manager

### DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

4. Wendy Robinson, Business Office Manager

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### 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.*

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

5. [Approval of minutes – April 19, 2023](#) (*Public comment and Board approval today*)
  6. [Res. 2023-06 Approval of amendments to By-Laws of the Board of Trustees](#) (*Public comment and Board approval to be held on 6/21/2023 pursuant to Article VI of the By-Laws*)
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## **REPORTS**

7. [Director's Report](#) – Laura Marlane, Executive Director
8. Advisory Committee Report
9. Neighborhood Steering Committee Report – Elizabeth Johnson, Senior Manager of Operations
10. Board President and Vice President Report – Mike Kennedy, President, and Keegan Korf, Vice President
  - A. Board Officer Nominations (Resolution to approve slate of Officers at June 21 Board meeting)
11. [Omaha Public Library Foundation](#) – Wendy Townley, Executive Director
12. Library Liaison Reports – Library Trustees

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

13. [Finance Committee](#) – Korf (Chair), Kennedy, Mullen, Wilson
14. Community Engagement Committee – Barrett (Chair), Reddick, Varas
15. [Facilities Committee](#) – Mullen (Chair), Gales, Wang

## **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. Persons are to be brief and to limit themselves to five minutes or less. 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. 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

## **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**

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