
OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.
Florence Branch – 2920 Bondesson 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, August 15th:

- 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.

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 August 11, 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. Lois Imig, Branch Manager

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

4. Jacob Lee, Adult Services Librarian – 2023 Omaha Reads book selection: “[Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants](#)” by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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.

This Agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be available for public inspection online at www.omahalibrary.org.

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RESOLUTIONS

Public comment and Board approval is today.

5. [Approval of minutes – June 21, 2023](#)
6. [Res. 2023-06 Reconsideration of amendments to By-Laws of the Board of Trustees](#) (*Over from 6/21/2023 and continue the public hearing*)
7. [Res. 2023-09 Approval of 2024 budget request](#)
8. [Res. 2023-10 Approval of revised Holiday and Closing Dates for 2023](#)
9. [Res. 2023-11 Approval of Library Executive Director class specification/job description](#)

REPORTS

10. [Director's Report](#) – Laura Marlane, Executive Director
11. Advisory Committee Report
12. Board President Report – Rochelle Mullen, President
13. Friends of Omaha Public Library – Meghan Hope, President
14. [Omaha Public Library Foundation](#) – Wendy Townley, Executive Director
15. Library Liaison Reports – Library Trustees

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. [Finance Committee](#) – Korf (Chair), Mullen, Wilson
17. Community Engagement Committee – Barrett (Chair), Reddick
18. Facilities Committee – Mullen (Chair), Gales, Hein-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.

19. Input, Comments, and Questions

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. 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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