
OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 4:00 P.M.

W. Clarke Swanson Branch – 9101 West Dodge Road

CALL TO ORDER

1. The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 West Dodge Road. President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

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

PRESENT: John Barrett
Keegan Korf, Vice-President
Rochelle Mullen
DeJuan Reddick
Albert Varas
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer (**Entered @ 4:12 P.M.**)
Mike Kennedy, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: Cameron Gales
Bryan Wilson

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 March 20, 2023.

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. [Res. 2023-03 Approval of new hours of operation for Omaha Public Library facilities](#) (*over from 3/15/2023 and continue the public hearing*)

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

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

MOTION by Mullen, SECOND by Varas, that Agenda Item 3 (Res. 2023-03 Approval of new hours of operation for Omaha Public Library facilities) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Mullen, Reddick, Varas, Wang, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

4. **Res. 2023-04 Approval of lease agreement between Community Information Trust (dba Do Space) and the City of Omaha, for certain real estate located within Milton R. Abrahams Branch Library (over from 3/15/2023 and continue the public hearing)**

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 Mullen, that Agenda Item 4 (Res. 2023-04 Approval of lease agreement between Community Information Trust (dba Do Space) and the City of Omaha, for certain real estate within Milton R. Abrahams Branch Library) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Mullen, Reddick, Varas, Wang, President Kennedy

Nays: None

Abstain: Korf

MOTION APPROVED 6-0-1 ABSTENTION

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Mullen, Reddick, Varas, Wang, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:18 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer