



April OPL Board of Trustees' Meeting

Omaha Public Library

Apr 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM CDT

Charles B Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave, Omaha, NE 68111

Meeting Details: <https://zoom.us/j/94901740104>

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Additional Meeting Details: This meeting is being held in person while simultaneously being streamed via Zoom.

Agenda

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Tuesday, April 16th:

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

Roll Call

2. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION - NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

This meeting has been advertised in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on April 12, 2024, and is held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#). A copy of the [Open Meetings Act](#) is available on the table and on the wall.

3. BRANCH REPORT

Presenter: Amy Wenzl

Amy Wenzl, Branch Manager

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

Presenter: Nancy Novotny

Nancy Novotny, Program Manager

5. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Presenter: Theresa Jehlik

"Short Takes for Trustees" by the American Library Association

ACTION ITEM

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

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. Public comment and Board approval is today.

6. [Approval of minutes - March 20, 2024](#)

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

REPORTS

7. [Director's Report](#)

Presenter: Laura Marlane

Laura Marlane, Executive Director

8. [Advisory Committee Report](#)

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen, Bryan Wilson

9. PR Committee Report

Presenters: Cameron Gales, Jen Rae Hein-Wang

10. Board President Report

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

11. [Friends of Omaha Public Library](#)

Presenter: Meghan Hope

Meghan Hope, President

12. Omaha Public Library Foundation

Wendy Townley, Executive Director

13. Library Liaison Reports

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen, Jen Rae Hein-Wang, DeJuan Reddick, Bryan Wilson, Cameron Gales, John Barrett, Joseph Bradley, Mikki Frost, Maria Arriaga

Library Trustees

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Finance Committee

Presenters: Joseph Bradley, John Barrett, Rochelle Mullen

15. Community Engagement Committee

Presenters: DeJuan Reddick, Mikki Frost, Cameron Gales

16. Facilities Committee

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen, Jen Rae Hein-Wang, Bryan Wilson

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

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.

17. Input, Comments, and Questions

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen

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

Presenter: Rochelle Mullen