



May OPL Board of Trustees' Meeting - RS

Omaha Public Library

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM CDT to Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM CDT

W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 W Dodge Rd, Omaha, NE 68114

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

Meeting ID: 949 0174 0104

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

Agenda

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Tuesday, May 20th:

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen

Roll Call

2. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION - NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen

This meeting has been advertised in the [Daily Record](#), the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on May 19, 2025, 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

Matt Couch, Branch Manager

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

Deirdre Routt, Collection Development Manager & Ben Brick, Collection Processing Manager

ACTION ITEMS

Presenters: 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.

5. [Approval of minutes - April 16, 2025](#)

REPORTS

6. [Director's Report](#)

Laura Marlane, Executive Director

7. Advisory Committee Report

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen, DeJuan Reddick

8. PR Committee Report

Presenters: Jen Rae Hein-Wang, Vacancy

9. Building Stakeholders Committee Report

Presenters: Jen Rae Hein-Wang, DeJuan Reddick, Bryan Wilson

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

E.C. Schroeder, Secretary

11. [Omaha Public Library Foundation](#)

Wendy Townley, Executive Director

12. Library Liaison Reports

Library Trustees

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. [Finance Committee](#)

Cecil L. Hicks, Jr. (Chair), Mikki Frost, Rochelle Mullen

Library Liaison: Wendy Robinson

14. Community Engagement Committee

Joe Bradley (Chair), María Arriaga, Mikki Frost

Library Liaison: Stacy Lickteig

15. Facilities Committee

DeJuan Reddick (Chair), Jen Rae Hein-Wang, Bryan Wilson

Library Liaison: Elizabeth Johnson

16. Board President Report

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen

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17. Input, Comments, and Questions

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presenters: 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.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Presenters: Rochelle Mullen