

## SOUTH OMAHA LIBRARY ENTITY BOARD MEETING

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 4:00 P.M.

South Omaha Library – 2808 Q Street

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. The South Omaha Library Entity Board met on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at the South Omaha Library, 2808 Q Street (Omaha). Vice Chair Connor called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

Julie Wetherell, Recording Secretary, took the Roll Call:

**PRESENT:** George Vana  
Kyran Connor, Chair  
Joe Bradley  
Rachel Steiner  
Gary Katz, Library Supervisor, Metropolitan Community College South Omaha Campus (Non-voting)  
Julie Humphrey, Branch Manager, South Omaha Library (Non-voting)

### **CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

2. Chair Connor stated that the [meeting](#) has been advertised in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on January 2, 2026, and is held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) (a copy of which is available on both the table and the wall).

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Chair Connor stated that any person who has been invited to speak or has requested the opportunity to speak before the Entity Board is requested to be brief and to limit their comments to five minutes or less, after identifying themselves. When more than one person wishes to address the Entity Board on a Resolution, the proponents will be invited to speak first, followed by the opponents. Each side will be given a maximum of twenty minutes. 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. The Entity Board will ask any questions at the conclusion of any public comments, prior to voting. Entity Board approval is today.

3. [Approval of minutes – October 7, 2025](#)

Chair Connor opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 3.

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

**MOTION by Bradley, SECOND by Steiner, that Agenda Item 3 (Approval of minutes – October 7, 2025) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Bradley, Connor, Vana, Steiner

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0**

4. **Approval of Board Chair (MCC) and Vice Chair (OPL) to serve a two (2)-year term**

Chair Connor opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 4.

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

**MOTION by Steiner, SECOND by Vana, that Agenda Item 4 (Approval of Board Chair (Laura Marlane) and Vice Chair (Kyran Connor) to serve a two (2)-year term be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Bradley, Connor, Vana, Steiner,

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0**

**REPORTS**

5. **Gate Count**

Ms. Humphrey highlighted key numbers in the report.

6. **Circulation Statistics**

There were no statistics yet due to the Polaris transition.

7. **Facilities Update**

Ms. Humphrey gave the update and noted that the VoIP phones were just installed.

8. **Staffing Update**

Ms. Humphrey gave the update and mentioned all OPL positions were expected to be filled by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Katz stated MCC has a few more positions to fill.

9. **MCC Business Office Update**

No one spoke regarding the update.

10. **Entity Board Reports**

None.

11. **Polaris Update Report**

Ms. Steiner highlighted the current challenges and progress of the Polaris transition.

**PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Chair Connor stated that any member of the public may address the Board on a topic of relevance to the South Omaha Library, after identifying themselves by name and address for public record. Entity Board members may engage in questions and discussion of any topic presented, but any desired action will be placed on a future agenda.

12. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

Chair Connor opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 12.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

13. The Entity 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**

**MOTION by Connor, SECOND by Bradley, that the meeting of the South Omaha Library Entity Board by adjourned.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Bradley, Connor, Vana, Steiner,

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:34 P.M.**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

April 7, 2026

July 7, 2026

October 6, 2026