

October OPL Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Omaha Public Library

10/15/2025 5:00 PM @ Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 N 90th St, Omaha, NE 68134

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at the Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 N. 90th Street. President Mullen called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Julie Wetherell, Recording Secretary, took the Roll Call:

ROLL CALL

Present:

Members: Joseph Bradley, Mikki Frost, Jen Rae Hein-Wang, Cecil Hicks, Clarice Jackson, Dan Lonergan, Rochelle Mullen, DeJuan Reddick

Guests: Laura Marlane

Absent:

Members: Maria Arriaga

2. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION - NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

This meeting has been advertised in the [Daily Record](#), the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on October 13, 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

Katy Lofgren, Branch Manager, appeared and spoke. She shared important information about the branch. She also answered questions from the Board.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

Courtnei Kopietz, Marketing Manager and Erin Duerr, Library Project Manager, appeared and spoke. They highlighted the work their Departments do and answered questions from Board members.

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. Public comment and Board approval is today.

5. Approval of minutes

[September 17, 2025](#)

President Mullen opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 5, September 17, 2025 Minutes.

No one spoke and the public comment period was closed.

MOTION by Reddick, SECOND by Hicks, that Agenda Item 5 (Approval of minutes - September 17, 2025) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Bradley, Frost, Hein-Wang, Hicks, Jackson, Lonergan, Reddick, President Mullen

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 8-0

6. Res. 2025-10

[Resolution to Terminate Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements](#)

President Mullen opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 6.

No one spoke and the public comment period was closed.

MOTION by Frost, SECOND by Reddick, that Agenda Item 6 (Approval of Resolution to Terminate Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Bradley, Frost, Hein-Wang, Hicks, Jackson, Lonergan, Reddick, President Mullen

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 8-0

REPORTS

7. Director's Report

[October 2025 Director's Report](#)

Laura Marlane, Executive Director, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

8. Advisory Committee Report

President Mullen reported the Central Library project is on track and thanked everyone for their help and participation in keeping things running smoothly.

9. Friends of Omaha Public Library

Meghan Hope, President

None

10. Omaha Public Library Foundation

Wendy Townley, Executive Director

[October 2025 Report](#)

Wendy Townley, Executive Director, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

11. Library Liaison Reports

None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. Finance Committee

No report

13. Community Engagement Committee

President Mullen appointed Clarice Jackson to the Community Engagement Committee.

14. Facilities Committee

Nothing to report

15. Board President Report

President Mullen thanked everyone for their hard work on the Central Library project and advised that a presenter would speak at our November Board Meeting.

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.

16. Input, Comments, and Questions

Bret Reed of 827 S. 124th Street appeared and spoke about his concerns with the four hour daily time limit on the public computers.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Frost, Hein-Wang, Jackson, Lonergan, Reddick, President Mullen

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:02 PM.