

March OPL Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Omaha Public Library

3/18/2026 5:00 PM

@ Saddlebrook Branch, 14850 Laurel Ave, Omaha, NE 68116

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at the Saddlebrook Branch at 14850 Laurel Avenue. President Mullen called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

ZOOM NOTE

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 when it was determined that a zoom connection could not be established. However, at 5:14 a zoom connection was successfully made and the meeting continued on.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Members: Maria Arriaga, Mikki Frost, Clarice Jackson

Guests: Laura Marlane

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 March 16, 2026, 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

Lois Imig, Branch Manager, appeared and spoke. She shared important information about the Branch and its patrons, and answered questions from Board members.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

Jessica Johnson, Borrower Services Manager, appeared and spoke, highlighting the work her Department does and answering 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

[February 18, 2026 - Approval of Minutes](#)

President Mullen opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 5.

No one spoke and the public comment period was closed.

MOTION by Reddick, SECOND by Hicks, that Agenda Item 5 (Approval of minutes - February 18, 2026) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED: 6-0

REPORTS

6. Director's Report

[March 2026 Director's Report](#)

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

7. Advisory Committee Report

President Mullen spoke and advised that there would a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Mayor on the official opening day of the Central Library.

8. Friends of Omaha Public Library

Mary Trecek, President

[March 2026 Friends Report](#)

None.

9. Omaha Public Library Foundation

[March 2026 Foundation Report](#)

Adrienne Perry, Executive Director of Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

10. Library Liaison Reports

Trustee Reddick stated that his colleagues visited the Central Library and mentioned how impressive everyone is finding the building.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Finance Committee

[March 2026 Finance Report](#)

None.

12. Community Engagement Committee

None.

13. Facilities Committee

Trustee Reddick stated he continues to receive questions about the future of the Swanson Branch but said that no decisions have been made yet.

14. Board President Report

President Mullen expressed her thanks to the Mayor's Office for their role in bringing the Central Library to completion.

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.

15. Input, Comments, and Questions

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

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Hein-Wang, Hicks, Longergan, Reddick, President Mullen

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 PM.