

April 2026 OPL Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Omaha Public Library

4/15/2026 5:00 PM

@ Florence Branch, 2920 Bondesson St. Omaha, NE 68112

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at the Florence Branch at 2920 Bondesson Street. President Mullen called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

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 April 10, 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

Lori Nelson, Branch Manager, appeared and spoke. She shared important information about the Branch and its history, and answered questions from Board members.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT/PRESENTATION

Jason Goossen, IT Manager, appeared and spoke, highlighting the work his 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

[March 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 Lonergan, SECOND by Reddick, that Agenda Item 5 (Approval of minutes - March 18, 2026) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Arriaga, Bradley, Hicks, Jackson, Lonergan, Reddick, President Mullen

Nays: None

Abstain: Frost

MOTION APPROVED: 7-0

REPORTS

6. Director's Report

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

7. Advisory Committee Report

President Mullen spoke and mentioned the opening of Central Library this Sunday. She thanked OPL staff for their hard work.

8. Friends of Omaha Public Library

E. C. Schroeder, Secretary of Friends of Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from his report. He mentioned that beginning this month there would be a second Saturday book sale every month.

9. Omaha Public Library Foundation

Adrienne Perry, CEO, appeared and spoke, highlighting items from her report.

10. Library Liaison Reports

None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Finance Committee

12. Community Engagement Committee

None.

13. Facilities Committee

None.

14. Board President Report

President Mullen recognized Laura Marlane and Stacy Lickteig who presented at the PLA 2026 Conference in Minneapolis.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 9-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:42 PM