

**OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M.
Charles B. Washington Branch – 2868 Ames Avenue



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Avenue (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:09 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary, took the Roll Call:

PRESENT: Keegan Korf
Jesse Sullivan, Vice-President
Cecelia Creighton
Caitlin Davis
Carol Wang, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT: Mike Kennedy
Keith Lutz
Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Secretary-Treasurer
Michele Frost

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETING ACT

President Wang stated that the meeting is held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#), a copy of which is available on the table. The Library certified [publication](#) of the meeting in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on December 12, 2018.

TRUSTEE FROST ENTERS THE MEETING AT 5:10 P.M.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [Charles B. Washington Branch](#) – Micki Dietrich (Branch Manager)

Micki Dietrich, Branch Manager of the Charles B. Washington Branch, appeared and spoke. She gave a brief history of the Branch, and highlighted specifics about the Branch, such as the type of patrons frequenting the Branch, events held, and the types of services utilized.

ACTION ITEMS

President Wang stated that 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Wang stated that any Trustee may remove any item from the Consent Agenda to be addressed by the Board immediately following. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board. Public comment and Board approval is today.

4. [Approval of minutes – October 17, 2018](#)
5. [Approval of the 2019 budget with funding sources](#)

President Wang opened the public comment period on the Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION by Sullivan, SECOND by Korf, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 4 – Approval of minutes – October 17, 2018; and Agenda Item 5 – Approval of the 2019 budget with funding sources) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Korf, Sullivan, Creighton, Davis, Frost, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. [Finance Committee](#) (Suarez-Delgado [Chair], Sullivan, Korf)

Sullivan stated that the Committee has not met recently, but will begin doing so soon.

7. **Facilities Committee** (Kennedy [Chair], Davis, Lutz)

None.

8. **Community Engagement Committee** (Wang [Chair], Creighton, Frost)

President Wang stated that the Committee is busy talking to many different people about plans.

REPORTS

9. **Friends of Omaha Public Library** – Jeanne Spence (President)

None.

10. [Omaha Public Library Foundation](#) – Wendy Townley (Executive Director)

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of the Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke. She stated that 2018 was a great fundraising year.

11. [Director's Report](#) – Laura Marlane (Executive Director)

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke, highlighting some key points from her report. She stated that a Committee will need to be formed to review and reapprove the Library's existing policies. Anyone wanting to sit on the Policy Committee should let Ms. Wang know.

12. **Board President's Report** – Carol Wang (President)

President Wang stated that Omaha Public Library has a new City attorney assigned to it. Everyone welcomed William Acosta-Trejo, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Omaha, to the Board meeting and to the Library.

13. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

None.

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

President Wang stated that 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. Trustees may engage in questions and discussion of any topic presented, but any desired action will be placed on a future agenda.

14. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 14.

Rachel Pinkerton, 5832 Corby Street, appeared and spoke.

President Wang closed the public comment period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. 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 Creighton, SECOND by Davis, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.

Yeas: Korf, Sullivan, Creighton, Davis, Frost, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:32 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Secretary