

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.
W. Clarke Swanson Branch – 9101 West Dodge Road



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 West Dodge Road (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Keegan Korf
Keith Lutz
Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Secretary-Treasurer
Michele Frost
Mike Kennedy
Carol Wang, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT: Cecelia Creighton

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: Jesse Sullivan, Vice-President
Caitlin Davis

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 January 9, 2019.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [W. Clarke Swanson Branch](#) – Casey Kralik (Branch Manager)

Casey Kralik, Branch Manager of the W. Clarke Swanson Branch, appeared and spoke. She gave a brief history of the Branch.

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 – December 19, 2018**

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

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

MOTION by Suarez-Delgado, SECOND by Kennedy, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 4 – Approval of minutes – December 19, 2018) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Korf, Lutz, Suarez-Delgado, Frost, Kennedy, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

None.

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

None.

Elizabeth Johnson, Senior Manager of Operations, stated that the Benson Branch is completely closed January 22 through January 28, with limited operations January 29 through March 2, while the Branch has new carpet installed.

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

President Wang stated that Frost is going to begin working on Ms. Marlane's evaluation.

REPORTS

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

None.

10. **Omaha Public Library Foundation** – Wendy Townley (Executive Director)

None.

11. **Director's Report** – Laura Marlane (Executive Director)

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke, highlighting some key points from her report.

TRUSTEE CREIGHTON ENTERS THE MEETING AT 5:16 P.M.

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

President Wang stated that she and Ms. Marlane met with Mayor Stothert less than a month ago, and discussed the Facilities Master Plan and what these upcoming projects look like getting closer to 2020.

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.

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

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

Yeas: Korf, Lutz, Suarez-Delgado, Creighton, Frost, Kennedy, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:26 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Secretary