

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

Thursday, July 18, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.  
W. Dale Clark Main Library – 215 South 15th Street



**CALL TO ORDER**

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 South 15th Street (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

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

**PRESENT:** Jesse Sullivan  
Caitlin Davis  
Mike Kennedy  
Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer  
Carol Wang, President  
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

**ABSENT:** Keith Lutz  
Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Vice-President

**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 July 10, 2019.

**BRANCH REPORT**

3. [W. Dale Clark Main Library](#) – Julie Humphrey (Youth and Family Services Manager)

Julie Humphrey, Youth and Family Services Manager, appeared and spoke.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

4. [Learning Community of Douglas & Sarpy Counties](#)

The following persons appeared and spoke:

Renee Franklin, MPA, Executive Director, Elementary Learning Centers, Learning Community of Douglas & Sarpy Counties  
Deb Paris, Youth Services Specialist

**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.

5. [Approval of minutes – May 15, 2019](#) *(over from 6/19/2019)*
6. [Approval of minutes – June 19, 2019](#)
7. [Approval of minutes – June 26, 2019](#)

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

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

**MOTION by Kennedy, SECOND by Sullivan, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 5 – Approval of minutes – May 15, 2019; Agenda Item 6 – Approval of minutes – June 19, 2019; and Agenda Item 7 – Approval of minutes – June 26, 2019) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Sullivan, Davis, Kennedy, Korf, Wang

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

## **RESOLUTION**

President Wang stated that public comment and Board approval is today.

8. [Approval of revised Omaha Public Library policies](#)

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 8.

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

**MOTION by Kennedy, SECOND by Davis, that Agenda Item 8 (Approval of revised Omaha Public Library policies) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Sullivan, Davis, Kennedy, Korf, Wang

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

None.

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

None.

11. **Community Engagement Committee** (Wang [Chair], *Vacant, Vacant*)

None.

12. **Policy Committee** (Korf, *Vacant, Vacant*)

None.

**REPORTS**

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

None.

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

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke.

15. **Director’s Report** – Laura Marlane (Executive Director)

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke. She stated that the public hearing for the 2020 recommended budget is on Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 P.M.

16. **Board President’s Report** – Carol Wang (President)

A. **Revision of Board meeting dates and locations**

President Wang appeared and spoke. She stated that Cecelia Creighton resigned from the Board today.

President Wang continued that she and Ms. Marlane are speaking with a consultant who would aid in the RFP process and everything else involved with building a 13th library branch.

The Board members have voted to hold regular Board meetings on the third Thursday of the month from now forward. The August 22 meeting and the September 19 meeting will both begin at 4:00 P.M.

17. **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.

18. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 18.

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

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

19. 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 Kennedy, SECOND by Korf, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Sullivan, Davis, Kennedy, Korf, Wang

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:44 P.M.**

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Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

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Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer