

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

Thursday, August 22, 2019 @ 4:00 P.M.
Benson Branch Library – 6015 Binney Street



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the Benson Branch Library, 6015 Binney Street (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 4:06 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: Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Vice-President
Keith Lutz

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS 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 August 16, 2019.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [Benson Branch](#) – Karen Pietsch (Branch Manager)

Karen Pietsch, Branch Manager of the Benson Branch, appeared and spoke. She discussed Omaha Public Library's new Zine Collection.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

4. **Omaha Reads** – Karen Pietsch (Branch Manager, Benson Branch)

Karen Pietsch, Branch Manager of the Benson Branch, appeared and spoke. She discussed this year's Omaha Reads selection, which is *This Blessed Earth* by Ted Genoways.

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.

TRUSTEE LUTZ ENTERED THE MEETING AT 4:07 P.M.

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 – July 18, 2019](#)
6. [Res. 2019-06 Approval of Holiday and Closing Dates for 2020](#)
7. [Res. 2019-07 Approval of Food for Fines Week program](#)

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 Davis, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 5 – Approval of minutes – July 18, 2019; Agenda Item 6 – Res. 2019-06 Approval of Holiday and Closing Dates for 2020; and Agenda Item 7 – Res. 2019-07 Approval of Food for Fines Week program) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Sullivan, Davis, Kennedy, Korf, Lutz, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

RESOLUTION

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

8. [Res. 2019-08 – Approval of Third-Party Sexual Harassment Policy](#)

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

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

MOTION by Kennedy, SECOND by Sullivan, that Agenda Item 8 (Res. 2019-08 Approval of Third-Party Sexual Harassment Policy) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Sullivan, Davis, Kennedy, Korf, Lutz, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

None.

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

Wang stated that the Friends of Omaha Public Library has agreed to pay for a consultant related to the proposed Southwest branch, and the Facilities Committee will briefly meet after the Board meeting to discuss.

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

Wang stated that Suarez-Delgado will be changing committees, from the Finance Committee Chair to the Community Engagement Committee Chair. Wang will be moving to Chair the Finance Committee.

Wang continued that she, Suarez-Delgado, and Ms. Marlane will be working together to have all Board members ‘adopt-a-branch’ to regularly interact with the various branches and patrons throughout the community.

REPORTS

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

None.

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

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of the Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke. She highlighted key points from her report.

TRUSTEE SUAREZ-DELGADO ENTERED THE MEETING AT 4:23 P.M.

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

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke. She highlighted key points from her report.

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

None.

16. **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.

17. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 17.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. 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 Lutz, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, Davis, Kennedy, Korf, Lutz, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:31 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer