

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

Thursday, October 17, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.  
South Omaha Library – 2808 Q Street



**CALL TO ORDER**

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the South Omaha Library, 2808 Q Street (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:11 P.M.

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

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

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

**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 and on the wall. The Library certified [publication](#) of the meeting in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on October 11, 2019.

**BRANCH REPORT**

3. [South Omaha Library](#) – Marvel Maring (Branch Manager)

Marvel Maring, Branch Manager of the South Omaha Library, appeared and spoke.

**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 – August 22, 2019](#) (over from 9/19/2019)
5. [Approval of minutes – September 19, 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 4 – Approval of minutes – August 22, 2019 and Agenda Item 5 – Approval of minutes – September 19, 2019) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Kennedy, Korf, Lutz, Sullivan, Wang

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

### **RESOLUTION**

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

6. **[Res. 2019-09 – Approval of revised Holiday and Closing Dates for 2020](#)**

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 6.

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

**MOTION by Kennedy, SECOND by Korf, that Agenda Item 6 (Res. 2019-09 – Approval of revised Holiday and Closing Dates for 2020) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Kennedy, Korf, Lutz, Sullivan, Wang

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7. **[Finance Committee](#)** – Korf (Chair), Sullivan, *Vacant*

None.

8. **[Facilities Committee](#)** – Kennedy (Chair), Lutz, *Vacant*

Kennedy thanked those able to participate in meetings with the consulting firm Margaret Sullivan Studio. The consultant will be back on Wednesday, October 30 through Saturday, November 2 for the second trip.

9. **[Community Engagement Committee](#)** – Suarez-Delgado (Chair), Wang, *Vacant*

President Wang asked that all Board members email Ms. Garcia which two Branches they would like to ‘adopt’ to foster a relationship between the Branch libraries and the Board of Trustees.

### **REPORTS**

10. **[Friends of Omaha Public Library](#)** – Jeanne Spence (President)

None.

11. **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.

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

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

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

President Wang thanked Board members for attending the events while Margaret Sullivan Studio was in town.

14. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

Sullivan stated that her family really enjoys attending story times in the libraries.

Korf stated that the partnership with Heartland B-Cycle is very successful and going well. Heartland B-Cycle presented at a national conference about the partnership a few weeks ago, and they are hoping that others across the United States can use this partnership model.

**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.

15. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 15.

James Overton, 3217 Ohio Street, owner of Reign Lounge, 8919 North 30th Street, appeared and spoke. Mr. Overton stated that he would like permission from the Board for his patrons to use the Florence Branch parking lot three nights a week.

Kennedy asked Mr. Overton to submit a formal proposal to the Board and Law Department of the City of Omaha for consideration.

President Wang closed the public comment period.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Kennedy, Korf, Lutz, Sullivan, Wang

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.**

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Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

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Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer