

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

Thursday, December 19, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.
Charles B. Washington Branch – 2868 Ames Avenue



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Avenue (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Keith Lutz
Jesse Sullivan
Jen Rae Wang
Mike Kennedy
Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer
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 December 13, 2019.

BRANCH REPORT

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

Micki Dietrich, Branch Manager of the Charles B. Washington Branch, 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 – October 17, 2019](#) (*Over from 11/21/2019*)
5. [Approval of minutes – November 21, 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 Korf, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 4 – Approval of minutes – October 17, 2019 and Agenda Item 5 – Approval of minutes – November 21, 2019) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

RESOLUTION

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

6. **[Res. 2019-10 Approval of renaming of internet room at W. Clarke Swanson Branch to “The Joseph Goecke Internet Room” \(Over from 11/21/2019\)](#)**

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. 2019-10 – Approval of renaming of internet room at W. Clarke Swanson Branch to “The Joseph Goecke Internet Room”) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

7. **[Res. 2019-11 Approval of the 2020 budget with funding sources](#)**

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 7.

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

MOTION by Kennedy, SECOND by Korf, that Agenda Item 7 (Res. 2019-11 – Approval of the 2020 budget with funding sources) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

TRUSTEE KENNEDY EXITS THE MEETING AT 5:14 P.M.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. **Finance Committee** – Korf (Chair), Sullivan, *Vacant*

None.

9. **Facilities Committee** – Kennedy (Chair), Lutz, *Vacant*

None.

10. **Community Engagement Committee** – Suarez-Delgado (Chair), Wang, President Wang

None.

REPORTS

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

Jeanne Spence, President of the Friends of Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke.

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

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

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

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke.

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

President Wang stated that Margaret Sullivan Consultant will be in Omaha on January 7 and 8, 2020, for the final visit. The Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting with the consultant on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at the Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 North 90th Street.

15. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

Korf stated that she has connected with the respective managers at the Charles B. Washington Branch and at the W. Dale Clark Main Library.

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.

16. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 16.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. 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 Sullivan, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Lutz, Sullivan, Wang, Korf, President Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:32 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer