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

Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom. This meeting was held by electronic and telephone conference.

PRESENT: Michael Alley
John Barrett
Mike Kennedy
Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer
Keith Lutz
Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Vice President
Jesse Sullivan
Jen Rae Wang
Carol Wang, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

President Wang stated that no action would be taken at the meeting since there was no quorum of the public body physically together.

Meeting convened with Reports only.

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Wang stated that the meeting is held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#). The Library certified [publication](#) of the meeting in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on May 15, 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

3. [Approval of minutes – February 20, 2020](#) (Over from 3/19/2020)

Due to no physical quorum of the Board, Agenda Item 3 will be laid over to the June 18, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

RESOLUTION

4. [Res. 2020-03 Approval of revised 2020 budget](#) (Over from 3/19/2020)

Due to no physical quorum of the Board, Agenda Item 4 will be laid over to the June 18, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. **Finance Committee** – Korf (Chair), Alley, Sullivan

None.

6. **Facilities Committee** – Kennedy (Chair), Lutz, Wang

Kennedy stated that 169 computer leases have been cancelled so computers are being moved around, as well as chairs. Toys are not being utilized at all, and it is not expected that any programs will occur at any branches the remainder of the year.

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

None.

REPORTS

8. **Friends of Omaha Public Library** – Brian Overton (President)

Brian Overton, President of the Friends of Omaha Public Library, spoke and highlighted key points in his report.

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

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of the Omaha Public Library Foundation, spoke and highlighted key points in her report. She stated that there was a great response to Omaha Gives!. The annual fundraiser on October 6th is still on.

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

A. **Marketing Report**

B. **Statistics Report**

Ms. Marlane spoke and highlighted information from her report. She stated that the Library has been asked to cut \$80,000.00 from the materials budget in 2021.

Ms. Marlane, President Wang, and other Board members will work on talking points to use to advocate for the Library and distribute out to all Board members.

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

A. **Nominations for Board Officers**

President Wang stated that the Board will elect new officers at the June 2020 Board meeting. Positions available include President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Anyone that would like to be considered for an officer position must contact President Wang prior to the June meeting.

President Wang also stated that the Trustees must complete their evaluation of the Executive Director before the end of the month and forward it to President Wang.

The Trustees will have to go into Executive Session at the June meeting to discuss the evaluations.

12. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the lack of a physical quorum, President Wang adjourned the meeting at 6:19 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer