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



Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

W. Dale Clark Main Library – 215 South 15th Street, Lower Level Meeting Rooms 2 & 3

CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at the W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 South 15th Street, Lower Level Meeting Rooms 2 & 3 (Omaha). President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:59 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Keegan Korf, Vice-President
Keith Lutz
Jesse Sullivan
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer
Kristin Williams
Mike Kennedy, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: Michael Alley
John Barrett
Adrian Suarez-Delgado

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Kennedy 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 September 11, 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

President Kennedy 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 Kennedy 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.

3. [Approval of minutes – August 20, 2020](#)

President Kennedy opened up the public comment on the Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Korf, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 3 – Approval of minutes – August 20, 2020) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

RESOLUTIONS

President Kennedy stated that the public comment and Board approval is today.

4. [Res. 2020-07 Approval of mask mandate at all Omaha Public Library facilities](#)

President Kennedy opened up the public comment on Agenda Item 4.

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

MOTION by Korf, SECOND by Sullivan, that Agenda Item 4 (Res. 2020-07 Approval of mask mandate at all Omaha Public Library facilities) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

5. [Res. 2020-08 Approval of waiver of fines for late materials for remainder of 2020](#)

President Kennedy opened up the public comment on Agenda Item 5.

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

MOTION by Korf, SECOND by Wang, that Agenda Item 5 (Res. 2020-08 Approval of waiver of fines for late materials for remainder of 2020) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

6. **Res. 2020-09 Approval of new hours of operation for Omaha Public Library facilities**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment on Agenda Item 6.

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

MOTION by Sullivan, SECOND by Korf, that Agenda Item 6 (Res. 2020-09 Approval of new hours of operation for OPL facilities) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. **Finance Committee** – Korf (Chair), Kennedy, Sullivan

None.

8. **Facilities Committee** – Wang (Chair), Alley, Lutz

None.

9. **Community Engagement Committee** – Suarez-Delgado (Chair), Barrett, Williams

None.

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

None.

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

The Board reminded everyone that the Foundation's annual event, [Between the Lines with Elaine Weiss](#), is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. The event is being held virtually and tickets can be obtained online for free.

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

A. Discussion of rescheduling dates of November and December Board meetings

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke, highlighting key items from her report.

The Board discussed rescheduling the November and December Board meeting dates; however, the Board decided to leave the meeting dates as is.

13. **Board President’s Report** – Mike Kennedy (President)

President Kennedy thanked the Board for approving the Resolution requesting the CARES Act funding for the City of Omaha. He continued by stating that he would like the Board to work with the Mayor to develop a new strategic plan beginning in the New Year. Committee work will also begin to become more in-depth as time moves on.

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

Several Trustees stated that they have continued to use the curbside service and thoroughly enjoy it.

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

President Kennedy 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 Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 15.

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:38 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer