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



Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Millard Branch Library – 13214 Westwood Lane

CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the Millard Branch Library, 13214 Westwood Lane (Omaha). President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Keith Lutz
Adrian Suarez-Delgado
Jesse Sullivan
Kristin Williams
Mike Kennedy, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM: Michael Alley (Non-voting)
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer (Non-voting)

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: John Barrett
Keegan Korf, Vice-President

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 October 9, 2020.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [Millard Branch](#) – Evonne Edgington, Branch Manager

Evonne Edgington, Branch Manager of the Millard Branch, appeared and spoke.

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.

4. **[Approval of minutes – September 17, 2020](#)**

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

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

MOTION by Lutz, SECOND by Sullivan, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 4 – Approval of minutes – September 17, 2020) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Lutz, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, Williams, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. **[Finance Committee](#)** – Korf (Chair), Kennedy, Sullivan

None.

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

None.

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

None.

REPORTS

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

None.

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

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

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

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

11. **Board President's Report** – Mike Kennedy (President)

President Kennedy appeared and spoke. He stated that he plans to form a Strategic Planning Committee with four Board members and meet at the beginning of the year to start working on a new strategic plan.

President Kennedy continued that he would like to present a Resolution to the Board at the November meeting, thanking the Omaha Public Library staff for their hard work throughout this pandemic.

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

None.

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.

13. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 13.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. 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 Williams, SECOND by Lutz, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Lutz, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, Williams, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:39 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer