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



Thursday, November 19, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.  
Millard Branch Library – 13214 Westwood Lane

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 19, 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:** John Barrett  
Keegan Korf, Vice-President  
Adrian Suarez-Delgado  
Jesse Sullivan  
Mike Kennedy, President  
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

**PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM:** Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer (Non-voting) (Entered at 5:14 P.M.)

**ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING:** Michael Alley  
Keith Lutz  
Kristin Williams

**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 November 13, 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 – October 15, 2020](#)

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

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

**MOTION by Korf, SECOND by Sullivan, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 3 – Approval of minutes – October 15, 2020) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, President Kennedy

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

4. [Res. 2020-10 Resolution expressing gratitude and support to all Omaha Public Library staff](#)

President Kennedy opened the public comment period 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. 2020-10 Resolution expressing gratitude and support to all Omaha Public Library staff) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, President Kennedy

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

5. [Res. 2020-11 Approval of transfer agreement with Joslyn Art Museum](#)

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

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

**MOTION by Barrett, SECOND by Sullivan, that Agenda Item 5 (Res. 2020-11 Approval of transfer agreement with Joslyn Art Museum) be approved.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, President Kennedy

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

**REPORTS**

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

None.

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

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

**TRUSTEE WANG ENTERED THE MEETING AT 5:14 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

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

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

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

President Kennedy appeared and spoke. He stated that Rachel Jacobson, President of Heritage Services, wished to speak with each Trustee individually about the future of the Library. He continued, stating that the Board needs to continue with their strategic planning process and form a Strategic Planning Committee to begin meeting in January.

13. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

Wang stated that she continues to use the Bess Johnson Elkhorn Branch and is impressed with the thoughtfulness of the staff and how hard everyone continues to work.

**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.

14. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

President Kennedy opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 14.

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

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. 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 Korf, SECOND by Sullivan, that the meeting of the Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees be adjourned.**

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, President Kennedy

Nays: None

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:37 P.M.**

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Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

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Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer