

OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, December 17, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
Millard Branch Library – 13214 Westwood Lane

CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at the Millard Branch Library, 13214 Westwood Lane (Omaha). President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:11 P.M.

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

PRESENT: John Barrett
Keegan Korf, Vice-President
Adrian Suarez-Delgado
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer
Kristin Williams
Mike Kennedy, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: Michael Alley
Keith Lutz
Jesse Sullivan

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 December 11, 2020.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

3. [Patron survey overview](#) – Theresa Jehlik, Strategy and Business Intelligence Manager

Theresa Jehlik, Strategy and Business Intelligence Manager, appeared and spoke. She highlighted survey data that the Library has gathered over many years.

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 – November 19, 2020](#)

President Kennedy opened the public comment period 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 4 – Approval of minutes – November 19, 2020) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Suarez-Delgado, Wang, Williams, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

RESOLUTIONS

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

5. [Res. 2020-12 Approval of 2021 budget request with funding sources](#)

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

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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Korf, that Agenda Item 5 (Res. 2020-12 Approval of 2021 budget request with funding sources) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Suarez-Delgado, Wang, Williams, President Kennedy

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

6. [Res. 2020-13 Approval of extension of waiver of fines for late materials](#)

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

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

MOTION by Korf, SECOND by Suarez-Delgado, that Agenda Item 6 (Res. 2020-13 Approval of extension of fines for late materials) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Suarez-Delgado, 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.

REPORTS

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

None.

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

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

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

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke. She highlighted several items from her report.

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

President Kennedy appeared and spoke.

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

Korf stated that a colleague mentioned how much they enjoy the new book bundles that the Library offers.

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.

TRUSTEE WILLIAMS LEFT THE MEETING AT 6:11 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:12 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer

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