

OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.

Millard Branch Library – 13214 Westwood Lane



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Millard Branch Library, 13214 Westwood Lane (Omaha). Vice-President Korf called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

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

PRESENT: John Barrett
Keegan Korf, Vice-President
Keith Lutz
Adrian Suarez-Delgado
Jesse Sullivan
Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer
Mike Kennedy, President (Entered at 5:24 P.M.)
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: Michael Alley
Kristin Williams

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Vice-President Korf 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 January 15, 2021.

ACTION ITEMS

Vice-President Korf 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

Vice-President Korf 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 – December 17, 2020](#)**

Vice-President Korf opened the public comment period on the Consent Agenda.

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

MOTION by Wang, SECOND by Barrett, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 3 – Approval of minutes – December 17, 2020) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Lutz, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

RESOLUTION

Vice-President Korf stated that public comment and Board approval is today.

4. **[Res. 2021-01 Approval of revised mask mandate at all Omaha Public Library facilities](#)**

Vice-President Korf opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 4.

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

MOTION by Suarez-Delgado, SECOND by Lutz, that Agenda Item 4 (Res. 2021-01 Approval of revised mask mandate at all Omaha Public Library facilities) be laid over to the next Regular Board meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, and continue the public hearing.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Barrett, Korf, Lutz, Suarez-Delgado, Sullivan, Wang

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

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.

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

None.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY ENTERED THE MEETING AT 5:24 P.M.

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

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of the Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke. She highlighted key points from her report.

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 discussed the forming of a Strategic Planning Committee.

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

None.

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:59 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Jen Rae Wang, Secretary-Treasurer