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

Thursday, January 16, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
W. Clarke Swanson Branch – 9101 West Dodge Road



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the W. Clarke Swanson Branch, 9101 West Dodge Road (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT: Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Vice-President

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Wang 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 10, 2020.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [W. Clarke Swanson Branch](#) – Casey Kralik (Branch Manager)

Casey Kralik, Branch Manager of the W. Clarke Swanson Branch, appeared and spoke.

ACTION ITEMS

President Wang 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 Wang 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 – December 19, 2019](#)

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

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

MOTION by Kennedy, SECOND by Korf, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 4 – Approval of minutes – December 19, 2019) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

RESOLUTION

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

5. **[Res. 2020-01 Approval of one \(1\)-day morning closure at Millard Branch](#)**

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

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

MOTION by Lutz, SECOND by Kennedy, that Agenda Item 5 (Res. 2020-01 – Approval of one (1)-day morning closure at Millard Branch) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

None.

7. **[Facilities Committee](#)** – Kennedy (Chair), Lutz, *Vacant*

None.

8. **[Community Engagement Committee](#)** – Suarez-Delgado (Chair), Wang, President Wang

None.

REPORTS

9. **[Friends of Omaha Public Library](#)** – Jeanne Spence and Brian Overton (President)

Jeanne Spence, former President of the Friends of Omaha Public Library, and Brian Overton, President of the Friends of Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke.

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

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

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

Ms. Marlane appeared and spoke, highlighting key points in her report.

12. **Board President's Report** – Carol Wang (President)

President Wang stated that Margaret Sullivan Consultant is preparing the final report regarding the 13th branch in southwest Omaha. The final report will be made available to Trustees when it is available.

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

Korf stated that she attended the annual Friends of Omaha Public Library meeting on Saturday, January 11. She also stopped by the Charles B. Washington Branch library and commended employee Kimara Snipe for all of the work she is doing with youth. Korf finished by stating that the W. Dale Clark Main Library will host a Book Bash on Saturday, February 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Attendees will hear about new and exciting books from Library staff.

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

President Wang 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 Wang opened the public comment period on Agenda Item 14.

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:44 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer