

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

Thursday, February 20, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
W. Dale Clark Main Library – 215 South 15th Street, 4th Floor



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the W. Dale Clark Main Library, 215 South 15th Street (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

Carol Wang, President, took the Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: Jen Rae Wang

ABSENT ENTIRE MEETING: Keith Lutz

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. The Library certified [publication](#) of the meeting in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on February 14, 2020.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [W. Dale Clark Main Library](#) – Matt Couch (Branch Manager)

Korf introduced Matt Couch, Branch Manager of the W. Dale Clark Main Library, who 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 – January 16, 2020](#)

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 Sullivan, that the Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 4 – Approval of minutes – January 16, 2020) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Barrett

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

RESOLUTION

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

5. [Res. 2020-02 Approval of two \(2\)-day temporary closure of Saddlebrook Branch](#)

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

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

MOTION by Kennedy, SECOND by Sullivan, that Agenda Item 5 (Res. 2020-02 – Approval of two (2)-day temporary closure of Saddlebrook Branch) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

None.

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

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. She stated that Elaine Weiss, author of the 2018 book *The Woman's Hour*, will headline the 2020 Foundation fundraiser. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the Institute for the Culinary Arts Building on the Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus.

TRUSTEE WANG ENTERS THE MEETING AT 5:21 P.M.

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 welcomed the newest Trustee, John Barrett. Barrett will be joining the Community Engagement Committee, and will be assigned to the W. Clarke Swanson Branch.

President Wang thanked Cox Communications and Wang for the Cox Communication Summer Reading Program sponsorship of \$5,000.00.

President Wang introduced Jo Giles, the new president of the Omaha Public Library Foundation Board.

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

Wang stated that she is at the Saddlebrook Branch every other weekend. She has connected with Branch Manager Amy Wenzl, who is consistently helpful.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 7-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:31 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer

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