

# Library Board Meeting Minutes

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**  
**ANDERSON BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Present: Joe Shaw, Dan Sloan, Morgan Gerteisen, Nichole Bogen, Lisa Hale, Jackie Ostrowicki, Patty Beutler. Absent: Terri Dunlap.

City of Lincoln Staff present: Jennifer Hatfield, Amanda Callaway, Kimberley Shelley, Cody Blessing. Also present: Foundation for LCL Director, Tiffany Hill

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

President Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced the Open Meetings Law and today's agenda were posted and available for review.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA\***

Shaw noted that the Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Sloan noted that "12. Closed Session" was on the Agenda in error, and moved to strike it and approve the amended Agenda. Hale seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Shaw, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No Public Comment.

## **APPROVAL OF MAY 20, 2025 MEETING MINUTES\***

Sloan noted that the roll call vote for the Approval of Expenditures incorrectly listed Beutler instead of Hale in the vote. He moved to make that change, and approve the Minutes as amended. Ostrowicki seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Ostrowicki, Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen – AYE. Beutler – Abstained. Motion passed 5-0 with one abstention.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Committee on Administration**

President Shaw reported that the Committee met on June 10<sup>th</sup> to interview the top four candidates. Shaw referenced an email he'd sent the board on June 13<sup>th</sup> saying, *There were 16 candidates, all of whom would have been good Library Board members. Our task was difficult, because of the strength of all of the candidates. It was truly a gifted group. Lisa, Dan, and I selected four candidates to interview, and we finished those interviews on Tuesday evening. One stood out on paper and in interviews. As past Associate Director of Lincoln Public Schools and past President of Bryan College of Health Sciences, and as a Board Member of Lincoln Community Foundation, Marilyn Moore will bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and wisdom to the Library Board. Her love of the libraries and reading, and support for the First Amendment are second to none. Her breadth and depth of knowledge and her institutional leadership skills are astounding. Her financial acumen, experience and community leadership make her a perfect fit for our Board as we navigate the responsibilities of supporting Lincoln City Libraries, and advocating for our new library,*

as well as future library projects. The Committee on Administration recommends Marilyn Moore be approved as our new Library Board member. Sloan recommended approval. Hale seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Committee on Buildings and Grounds**

Did not meet.

### **Committee on Finance**

#### *Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures*

Treasurer Hale reported that the Total Operational Expenditures for May were \$1,079,506.78. The Total Expenditures from Other Funds were \$57,232.00 for a Total of 1,136,738.78. Hale moved approval. Beutler seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Haile, Beutler, Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries**

Tiffani Hill, Executive Director of FLCL reported that thus far, \$7.1 million has raised for the downtown library project. The board is reviewing ad agencies and hope to hire one by the end of the week to update the Foundation's online and public presence. She noted the importance of focusing not only on the downtown project, but needed upgrades to the branches. President Shaw commended her work increasing the number of Foundation Board meetings and bringing members of both boards together to improve communication and get all members on the same page for the upcoming projects.

### **One Book One Lincoln**

One Book One Lincoln (OBOL) Board Liaison, Morgan Gerteisen shared that everyone is waiting while the votes come in. She reported that there was a good turnout for the program at the Mill on Memorial Day, as well as the Book talk at Bethany the preceding Friday, which broke all attendance records for that already large book talk group. Great conversations were had, with everyone weighing in on what their top three favorites were. President Shaw encouraged all in attendance to vote for their favorite title.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Contract Amendment for Architectural Services with BVH\***

President Shaw asked Assistant Director Glaesemann to provide some detail on the Amendment with BVH. Glaesemann noted that it does not add any new funding, just extends the existing agreement for two months in order to continue the design stage of the agreement uninterrupted until the new contract is in place. Sloan moved approval. Ostrowicki seconded. There was no further discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Holiday and Closing Dates\***

President Shaw asked if all members had reviewed the proposed closing dates. There were no questions. Gerteisen motioned approval. Beutler seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Shaw – AYE. Motion carried 6-0.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Shaw reported that the One Book One Lincoln event at the Mill was wonderful, as was the mixer with the Foundation Board members, and he's looking forward to more involvement in the upcoming year.

## **ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Assistant Director Glaesemann shared a staffing update, and shared that the new 20-hour staff person for the new bookmobiles will be beginning this summer with the arrival of the new vehicles. Plans are in the works for how to move forward with one of the Virtual Services team retiring. Glaesemann recognized Northeast Service Unit Manager (NESU), Kim Shelley and this summer's NESU intern, Cody Blessing.

Shelley introduced Blessing, who is finishing up his college term in South Dakota and who rose to the top of the pool of candidates applying for the internship. She commended his ability to jump in and step up when staffing got tight. Blessing shared details of his experience. Glaesemann informed the Board that the entire group of summer interns tours the system to get a broader experience, including Administration, the Polley Music Library and the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors in addition to Support services and of course, public service at their location. Brief discussion followed.

Glaesemann introduced new Accountant, Jennifer Hatfield who just started and commended her excellent work. Hatfield shared her past accounting experience with the state and the city, and the wonderful welcome she has received.

Glaesemann gave an update on the elevators at Bennett Martin. The elevator from first to fourth is currently functioning most of the time, while the elevator from the basement to second floor is being used only for material, not for people. Material has also been being brought upstairs via the dumbwaiter, but that too has begun having mechanical issues, causing staff to haul heavy loads from the basement to the upper floors via the stairs.

She shared that she and Director Wieber attended the Hop, SCIP, Jump and RUN! event which benefits the School Community Intervention & Prevention (SCIP), a program of Lincoln Medical Education Partnership where they spread the word about libraries. They received good feedback about Bethany and Anderson Branches, and particularly about Mr. Matt and his Bethany Storytimes.

Two library locations have been designated Cooling Centers by the City. While all library locations serve that function, Anderson and Bennett Martin will be staying open until 8:00 p.m. on days when Heat Emergencies are declared – with temperatures over 100° and heat indexes above 105° and have been provided with extra supplies to give out. Discussion followed.

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 a.m.