

Library Board – Special Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, August 5, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

City of Lincoln Staff and others present: Ryan Wieber, Sarah Dale, Jennifer Hatfield, LeeAnn Sergeant (Libraries), Jocelyn Golden (Law Dept.), Amanda Callaway (Mayor's Ofc.), Tiffani Hill (FLCL).

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Shaw called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Dunlap moved approval. Sloan seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Shaw, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Contract with BVH*

Director Wieber thanked everyone who has been involved in the process thus far, and noted that the RFP to find a Construction Manager will be published early next week. The process is just beginning for the Coffee Shop RFP. To address sustainability questions, a workshop is planned for early September in two halves, a by-invitation-only session followed by a public town-hall session for feedback. Details will be forthcoming soon. Suggestions and ideas about the partnerships are being explored. Discussion followed.

Director Wieber introduced Mark Bacon from BVH Architects to review the proposed contract. Bacon thanked the board and advised taking a moment to appreciate the years of study and background work that's gone into the new Central Library project. He shared that the schematic drawings will be next, which will lead to the final design and construction. Also upcoming within the next few months are planned sustainability workshops, coordination with Project "O" Street, building systems (mechanical/electrical/plumbing) optimization aligned with the Green Globe Certification tracking, refinement of plans, conversations with library staff and the addition of a Construction Manager to the team. The final plans will be coordinated with stakeholders – including the Foundation for LCL, the Board, the Mayor's office, City Council, Donors and partners. The final project is expected to be completed by Spring of 2028. Discussion followed.

President Shaw asked for a motion to approve the contract. Hale moved. Sloan seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Shaw, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.