

Library Board Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

WILLIAMS BRANCH LIBRARY

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present: Jacki Ostrowicki, Lisa Hale, Morgan Gerteisen, Patty Beutler, Marilyn Moore, Terri Dunlap, Joe Shaw, Patty Beutler, Nichole Bogen

City of Lincoln Staff present: Libraries; Ryan Wieber, Jodene Glaesemann, Jennifer Hatfield, Lisa Olivigni, Sarah Dale. Other City staff: Admin Asst to Mayor, Amanda Callaway, Senior Atty for City Law Dept, Jocelyn Golden. Foundation for LCL Executive Director, Tiffani Hill; Project Control Project Manager, Anthony Fitzgerald.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Ostrowicki 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*

Ostrowicki noted that the Agenda was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Wieber noted one change – to table 7.e. Approval of Changes to the Municipal Code Pertaining to the Library Board as board members had insufficient time to review the changes. Moore moved approval of the Amended Agenda. Dunlap seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES*

Beutler noted a correction needed for the March Meeting Minutes. Gerteisen moved to approve the March 17, 2026 meeting minutes as corrected. Shaw seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen – AYE. Beutler – Abstain. Motion passed 6-0 with one abstention.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Administration

Did not meet.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds

Met March 25 to review the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). They discussed the potential of enhancing staffing as part of the budget process.

Committee on Technology

Did not meet.

Committee on Finance

Did not meet.

**Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures*

Treasurer Dunlap shared that the total operational expenditures for March, 2026 were \$1,088,834.60. The expenditures from other funds totaled \$346,903.22 for total monthly expenditures of \$1,435,737.82. Hale motioned approval.

Gerteisen seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale – YAY. Motion passed 7-0.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries

Executive Director Tiffani Hill shared fundraising progress, and reminded the Board that Give to Lincoln runs from May 1 to May 28. She noted that upcoming plans include the community fundraising events are in process and that they are working on specific gift amounts for naming opportunities for the new Central Library project. Brief discussion followed.

Central Library Update

Director Wieber gave an update on planning details and individual spaces. Discussion included wish lists, naming opportunities, lighting, solar panels from LES, the inclusion of native plants and trees, and plans for the collection.

NEW BUSINESS

****Approval of Frye Frazee Security Contract Extension, not to exceed \$74,000.***

Director Wieber shared that the existing contract expired before City Purchasing completed the bid process, so the solution is to extend the Frye Frazee contract for another six months until it goes out for a new bid. The service has been excellent, and the Library is pleased to extend the contract. There was no discussion. Shaw moved approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ostrowicki, Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

****Approval of updated Common Area Use Policy***

Wieber shared that this is a slight revision. Per the Law (LB1075) recently passed in the Unicameral, during the time between when ballots are mailed out and the end of election day, there can be no electioneering or petitioning within 25 feet of the ballot drop boxes at Anderson, Eiseley, Gere and Walt branches. This change puts the library policy in accordance with the law. Brief discussion followed. Dunlap moved approval. Shaw seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Dunlap, Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

****Approval of update to Signature Guidance Memo – Make it a Formal Policy***

Wieber noted that thus far, this has been only guidance for staff on how to be in line with the policy. This will make change its status to an official, Board-approved Policy and reflect the changes necessary per LB1075. There was brief discussion. Dunlap motioned approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

****Heritage Room Report and Approval of Public Heritage Room Collection Policy***

The Heritage Room's Collection Policy has existed for years. This updated version will become a public facing policy, just like the Collection Policy for the rest of the library's collection. Director Wieber introduced Heritage Room Curator Deb Arenz, who reviewed the policy and gave an overview of the Heritage Room, including programs like the Ames Reading Series and the annual Writer's Write program with LPS. She noted this policy will also expand the use of the space, allowing for meetings and browsing. Brief discussion followed. Beutler moved approval. Gerteisen seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Shaw, Moore, Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Dunlap – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ostrowicki shared a joke she learned from a young library patron, and a poem called Oak Park Public Library Maze branch, 1984 by Ostrowicki. She noted that it was National Library Week, and National Poetry Month. She shared impressions from a visit to the new Omaha Central Library. She noted that the Board Bylaws are being reviewed, Moore is leading the ad hoc committee. Ostrowicki shared some details from the Annual Library Volunteer Recognition with 208 volunteers with nearly 5,500 volunteer hours donate, a value of nearly \$200,000. She noted that the past president's advocacy group meets Friday, and a meeting with the Foundation Board is set for June. Two signature programs kick off in May – One Book One Lincoln and the Summer Reading Challenge. Look for an upcoming Op-Ed.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Glaesemann shared a new bookmobile schedule. Both new bookmobiles are in service, serving 17 City and County locations. Patrons can request a bookmobile to visit their events or group gatherings. Shaw noted the Bookmobile is visiting the Lux on August 29th. Glaesemann recommended viewing the new bookmobile page on the library website.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wieber introduced Williams and Eiseley branch manager, Lisa Olivigni who gave a review of Summer Reading programming at the Williams location. She noted that Parks staff is generous in allowing the library to hold big programs in the larger Rec Center community rooms. She shared plans for the Rescue a Dinosaur program at Eiseley for the summer. Brief discussion followed.

Wieber shared that the new Board Member application process has begun for 2026, and encouraged members to share the opportunity with friends and colleagues. He shared that to celebrate the 25th year of One Book One Lincoln, there is a reading challenge that includes OBOL nominees from each year. Gerteisen shared details about the final OBOL committee meeting, resulting in three solid and very different books as the top three.

BOARD OBSERVATIONS

Beutler shared some notes from the Omaha Central Library visit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.