

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library  
Dated May 21, 2026 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O'Donnell (Trustee), Edie Vaughan (Trustee), Amanda Pena (Director), Angela Ritchey (Trustee).

- 1) **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **Acknowledgment of the Open Meeting Law.** "This meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act." Read by Melanie Bloom.
- 3) **Agenda Approval.** Jim O'Donnell made a motion to approve the March agenda, seconded by Edie Vaughan. Motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey. Sharon Medina made a motion to approve the April agenda, seconded by Edie Vaughan. Motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey.
- 4) **Approve minutes.** A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Angel Ritchey, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. Motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey. Sharon Medina made a motion to approve the April minutes, seconded by Edie Vaughan. Motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey.
- 5) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from April, 2026. There were no unusual expenses.
- 6) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed and discussed the statistical report from April 2026. Generally speaking, most categories declined. Overall, most numbers declined from the previous month. There are mixed numbers up and down from the previous year.
- 7) **Strategic Plan Report.**  
Library Services
  1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability.*
    - a. For Spring Break, we held multiple events for children and families.
      - i. On April 1, we had American Midwest Ballet come for their new spring show, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Storytime.
      - ii. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had coffee filter flowers craft.
      - iii. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held our annual Storytime and egg hunt with 72 people attending.
      - iv. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, we held Dr. Seuss Bingo for families.
    - b. We held our annual Arbor Day Storytime at Ralston Park on Tuesday, April 21.
    - c. At the end of April, we added another weekly Storytime on Thursdays at 10:30am. This half-hour Storytime incorporates the five elements of Every Child Ready to Read and is geared towards families with pre-kindergarten children.

2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs.*
  - a. For April's Brunch and Learn, a presentation about Fraud for Seniors with food provided by Lemon Tree.
  - b. For Lunch and Learn, we had the Nebraska Zen Center to discuss their mission, meditation and the history of Buddhism with lunch provided by Chippy's.
3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
  - a. The library met the public library accreditation guidelines from the Nebraska Library Commission, receiving \$2,247 in state aid.
  - b. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the City Council proclaimed it National Library Week for 2026.

8) **Technology:** None

9) **Staff Development:** None

10) **Building Maintenance Report:**

Due to the construction at City Hall, the library's parking lot has had multiple road closures but the parking lot is still accessible.

11) **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation did not meet.

12) **Unfinished Business:**

None

13) **New Business:**

Patron Survey, Summer Reading 2026, Community Needs Response.

14) **Public Comments.**

None.

15) **Announcements.**

The next board meeting will be on June 18.

16) **Adjournment.** Edie Vaughan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. All in favor: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughan, and Angela Ritchey. Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm.