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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Rm 206

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Sabrina V. Madison; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Jolynne M. Roorda; Elizabeth M. Pierson; Salud B. Garcia; Genevieve A. Carter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Absent: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Tom DeChant called this hybrid meeting to order at 5:02pm

MPL Staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Molly Warren, Lori Suiter, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman. Staff members present virtually: Jane Jorgenson, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Yesianne Ramirez, Mark Benno

Also present: Conor Moran

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

1. [88947](#) Public Comment - July 8, 2025 Meeting of the Madison Public Library Board

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Salúd García discussed the benefits of each board member taking turns as the MPL Board rep at SCLS meetings, or at least attending them occasionally. Tom DeChant reported that the (nearly) system-wide Friends book sale was a success with 6 of 9 Friends groups participating. Mathias Lemos Castillo announced that this was his final board meeting as he is moving to California. A motion was made by Salúd García, seconded by Plumer Lovelace, to formally thank Mathias for his service. The motion passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [88946](#) Director's Report - June 2025

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [88908](#) Approval of the May 2025 Financial Reports

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [88967](#) Madison Public Library 2026 Operating Budget Presentation

Tana Elias presented the 2026 Operating Budget and the Supplemental Request/Reduction Scenarios.
5. [88968](#) Approval of Madison Public Library's 2026 Operating Budget Request

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [88969](#) Approval of the 2026 Operating Budget Reduction Scenario and Supplemental Request

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve with Amendment(s). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The motion was approved with an amendment to adjust the order of the potential reductions to place Sunday hours at Central as a higher priority to preserve.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that Central Library received an external audit for its facilities. There were some very technical suggestions regarding HVAC sequencing and a strong recommendation to complete the LED lighting upgrade. Mark will let the board know when the first lighting mock-up is installed if they wish to review the changes.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Conor Moran reported that the private donations for the Imagination Center have surpassed \$3.2 million. Ex Libris will be November 7th this year, the Foundation is soliciting sponsors, partners, and silent auction items. Planning for Wisconsin Book Festival is moving along quickly.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

When the Madison Public Library Board acts on the following item it may go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.86(1)(c), Wis. Statutes, which permits closed sessions when considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The Board may reconvene in open session immediately following any such closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (2).

DIRECTOR EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Subcommittee met and reviewed the evaluation. Seven of nine members completed the survey which used the new evaluation criteria. Tana Elias scored 4+ in each category.

The subcommittee only saw comments and results of the board's evaluation, not the 360 review, and were interested in what sharing results might look like. The areas of focus the subcommittee discussed were strategy, especially regarding Madison's growth and future library locations, and if there is a game plan for artificial intelligence and what it will mean for libraries.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Madison, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm