



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Thursday, September 5, 2024

5:00 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Rm 301

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Jolynne M. Roorda and Salud B. Garcia  
**Excused:** 2 - Genevieve A. Carter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:04pm

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Annie Weatherby-Flowers, Marc Gartler, Jane Jorgenson, Lori Suiter, Holly Storck-Post, Tina Marie Maes, Craig Holler, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran, Ryan Brown

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [84963](#) Public Comment - September 5, 2024  
No public comment was made.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### BOARD EXCHANGE

Lisa Hempstead told the board that former board president Jaime Healy-Plotkin is being honored with the Cornerstone Award from the SCLS Foundation at their annual fundraiser in October. The MPL Board will be given more information about this event.

### REPORT OF BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES

Tom DeChant reported on behalf of the Director Onboarding Subcommittee. DeChant provided the board with a revised draft of the director evaluation form and the board provided feedback with an edit to the order of the evaluation which will be given to City HR. At the next Library Board meeting the form will be presented for approval, at which point the subcommittee will disband.

Salúd García reported on behalf of the Critical Incident Response Subcommittee. The subcommittee will be reviewing policies from other City agencies to look at where gaps in the current policy and help guide the aim of the policy. After that the subcommittee will disband and one of its members will take on an advisory role to a Library staff group that will move forward in policy development.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [84957](#) Director's Report - August, 2024  
  
A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [84962](#) Approval of the 2025 Madison Public Library Board meeting calendar  
  
A motion was made DeChant, seconded by Garcia, to approve.  
  
After discussion on the draft schedule, a motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lovelace III, to Table until the October 10, 2024. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [84978](#) Approval of the July 2024 Financial Reports  
  
A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park  
  
This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue
6. [84568](#) Planning for the implementation of a reduction in evening hours at Madison Public Library locations in the event that the reductions will be necessary in the 2025 Operating Budget.  
  
This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue

### FOUNDATION REPORT

Ryan Brown reported on behalf of the Foundation. Wisconsin Book Fest's Fall Celebration is October 17-20. The Foundation is beginning work on a strategic plan. Ex Libris will be at Central Library on November 8.

**FACILITIES REPORT**

Mark Benno provided a facilities report. The community rooms at Central are getting hybrid meeting technology installed as part of Amplifying Community Voices. The rooms will also be getting new carpet installed and all of Central will be getting a new PA system.

**FRIENDS REPORT - tentative**

Tom DeChant reported that Goodman South had a library sale on August 24 that was very successful.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT**

Salúd García reported on SCLS. The SCLS Foundation will have their only fundraiser on October 3rd from 5:30-7:30 at Waunakee Library. Changes in income and expenses means that SCLS is looking at a more equitable fee structure, especially for smaller and rural libraries.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.