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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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?*

Thursday, June 5, 2025

5:00 PM

Library Support Center, 1301 W. Badger Rd.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Excused: 1 - Genevieve A. Carter

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Jolynne Roorda attended via telephone. Mathias Lemos Castillo attended by phone until 5:30 when he arrived to attend in person.

MPL Staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Molly Warren, Jane Jorgenson, Yesi Ramirez, Marc Gartler, Lori Suiter, Holly Storck-Post, Tina Marie Maes, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran, Karen Kapusta-Pofahl, Isaac Mathias

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [88534](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board - June 5, 2025

No public comment was made

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

2. [87483](#) Adopting the Updated Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Lisa Hempstead reported that the new library board member onboarding process update may be ready to present and vote on at the next meeting. Tom DeChant reminded the board about the joint Friends book sale on June 28th at the Library Support Center.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Lisa Hempstead reported that Jay Winston from City HR is working on putting together a report based on the feedback from the survey which was completed by 80% of the board.

UPDATE ON PRESENTING 'THE LIBRARIANS'

Salud Garcia reported that she is still waiting to hear back from the producers of the movie.

NEW BUSINESS

3. [88532](#) Director's Report - May, 2025

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [88514](#) Approval of the April 2025 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. [88533](#) 2026 Operating Budget Discussion

FOUNDATION REPORT

Conor Moran reported that it has been a busy 6 weeks for the Foundation, 250 people came to the Donor Thank You Event, 600 to a Wisconsin Book Fest event and 900 for Lunch for Libraries (the largest gathering of library supporters in Wisconsin). The ICRP groundbreaking rejuvenated some potential donors, as well as the 150th events. The Annual Fundraiser was approximately 35% better than usual. The Foundation also has a year round effort for \$150 gifts for the 150th Anniversary. The Capital Campaign for ICRP is at around \$3 million of the \$4.5 million goal.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported on the 16,000 sqft Library Support Center which was built in 2018 as a result of the 2012-2013 Central renovations. Those renovations increased public space at Central by a huge amount and LSC was built to take over the storage that had been at Central prior to renovation. LSC cost around

\$5 million to build is nearly a net-zero building.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Gen Carter had sent written comments to report on SCLS stating that 1. The organizations anniversary party took place last month and was a success, and 2. That we discussed at that meeting the same rate issue that we talked about at our board meeting regarding the recently signed agreement and no one quite understanding where numbers came from. The SCLS board also is curious to explore that more next year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm