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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?*

Thursday, October 9, 2025

5:00 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St. Rm 104

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Jolynne Roorda attended via phone.

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Yesi Ramirez, Lori Suiter, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran

Approval of Minutes

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

1. [90277](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board - October 9, 2025
No public comment was made.

Public Comment

Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

Board Exchange

Tom DeChant shared that there will be an all-Friends meeting on November 8 from 10am-12am at Pinney.

New Business

2. [90255](#) Director's Report - September, 2025

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

3. [90259](#) Approval of the August 2025 Financial Reports.

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

4. [90199](#) Authorizing Madison Public Library to submit, and if awarded, accept grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for Imagination Center at Reindahl Park construction and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to accept grant award. (District 12)

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by DeChant, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Discussion Items

5. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

Facilities Report

Mark Benno reported that the Mayor's office had asked engineering to use an outside company to review City buildings over 50,000 square feet for energy efficiency. MPL performed a tune-up at Central, our only building over 50K sqft, and got a good grade upon review. Our chiller redesign over the winter will make the building even more efficient as will the ongoing LED lighting replacement. There is now an autonomous floor cleaner at Central that has been learning the layout this past week. It will not replace human workers, but rather clean up large open areas allowing staff to focus on more detailed cleaning. MPL is getting quotes for bipolar ionization systems that will assist in scrubbing air as it is circulated.

Foundation Report

Conor Moran reported that the Capital Campaign has raised about \$500,000 in the last month. The Wisconsin Book Festival starts in 2 weeks with 58 events over 4 days, mostly at Central Library. Ex Libris is on November 7 from 7-10pm at Central and there are about 100 tickets left. Ticket sales combined with the silent auction raises about \$100,000 in unrestricted funds for the library.

South Central Library System Report

Gen Carter reported on behalf of SCLS, relaying that the board approved the annual budget and that Shannon Schultz will hopefully be able to attend the November library board meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Lovelace III, to Adjourn. The

motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.