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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, August 7, 2025

5:00 PM

Central Library, Rm 104

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Elizabeth M. Pierson; Salud B. Garcia and Genevieve A. Carter

Excused: 2 - Plumer B. Lovelace III and Jolynne M. Roorda

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Molly Warren, Marc Gartler, Tina Marie Maes, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran, Alder Julia Matthews

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

1. [89329](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board, August 7, 2025

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Alder Madison shared about her visits to various MPL locations during her day as Acting Mayor and introduced Alder Matthews, Dis. 12, to the Library Board and staff present. Tom DeChant shared that the joint Friends sale raised \$6600 for the 6 groups that participated.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [89328](#) Director's Report - July, 2025

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

3. [89330](#) Approval of the 2026 Central Library Room Rental and 2027 Wedding Rates

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

4. [89331](#) Approval of the July, 2025 Capital Budget Report

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

5. [89332](#) Approval of the 2026 Intersystem Resource Library Agreement Between Madison Public Library and the Southwest Library System

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

DIRECTOR EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Director Evaluation Subcommittee asked for feedback on what type of specific direction the subcommittee should give to Tana Elias based on the areas of focus that came out of the evaluation.

FACILITIES REPORT

Tana Elias reported that funds which had been earmarked for the Central refresh have been re-purposed, with Council approval, to work on pressing projects that need to get done before the ICRP takes up all the bandwidth of our facilities staff.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Conor Moran reported that the Foundation has raised \$3.26 million of the \$4.5 million dollar goal for the ICRP Capital Campaign. Ex Libris planning is in full swing, tickets will go on sale next month. Wisconsin Book Fest is October 23-26 and the fall schedule will be announced in tandem with an art opening at Central.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Gen Carter reported she has time schedule to connect with Shannon Schultz, SCLS Director, to pick an MPLB meeting to attend.

SPECIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tom DeChant accepted the nomination for the office of Vice President. There were no other nominations. DeChant was elected Vice President by voice vote.

Salud García accepted the nomination for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations. García was elected Secretary/Treasurer by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm