



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, June 6, 2019

5:00 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Room 104

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Joseph G. Rosas
- Absent:** 2 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Jair C. Alvarez
- Excused:** 1 - Greg E. Dunkelberger

**Also present:** Greg Mickells, Roger Allen, Allen Arntsen, Richard Rathmann, Kathy Wolkoff, Liz Amundson, Mary Fahndrich, Lori Suiter, Krissy Wick, Trent Miller, Mark Benno, Michael Spelman, Susan Lee

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Jaime Healy-Plotkin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

### BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE

Cindy Fesemyer shared she attended the WI Association of Public Libraries Conference in May and she, along with Jane Jorgenson and Shannon Schultz, gave a presentation regarding Administering NARCAN in Public Libraries. Cindy stated Jane did an amazing job and was really the expert in the room.

Joey Rosas shared he attended the Goodman South Madison open house and it went very well. Board members Eve Galanter and Jaime Healy-Plotkin also attended as well as Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway.

#### **BANNING APPEAL OF RICHARD RATHMANN**

Jaime Healy-Plotkin provided an overview of the patron's ban. Richard Rathmann addressed the Board with his explanation of the incident. Librarian Liz Amundson registered to speak and detailed her past interactions with Mr. Rathmann as well as incidents reported to her by other library staff. The Board asked questions of Rathmann, Amundson and Central Library Supervisor Michael Spelman.

**Ald. Barbara McKinney arrived at 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** 7 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Joseph G. Rosas

**Absent:** 1 - Jair C. Alvarez

**Excused:** 1 - Greg E. Dunkelberger

#### **BUBBLER PRESENTATION**

[56291](#)

Bubbler Presentation June 6, 2019

Trent Miller shared a presentation highlighting the work of the Bubbler staff.

**Jair Alvarez arrived at 5:40 p.m. during the Bubbler presentation.**

**Present:** 8 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Joseph G. Rosas and Jair C. Alvarez

**Excused:** 1 - Greg E. Dunkelberger

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

[56079](#)

Director's Report May 2019

**A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Rosas, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Greg Mickells shared highlights of his recent trip to China to attend the Anji True Play Conference. The 2020 International True Play Conference will be held in Madison. Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway has released guidelines for the 2020 operating budget. Pinney construction remains on schedule. The Foundation is scheduling tours of the new building. Dates and times available are on their website.

#### **APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET REPORT**

[56071](#) Capital Projects Budget Report

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

#### **APPROVAL OF OPERATING FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

[56293](#) YTD Operating Budget Reports June 2019

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

#### **APPROVAL OF 2020 WEDDING AND MEETING SPACE PACKAGES**

[55949](#) 2020 Wedding and Meeting Space Packages

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

#### **APPROVAL OF 2020 CATALOGING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

[56006](#) 2020 Cataloging Services Agreement

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MPL HVAC MEMORANDUM**

[56075](#) Madison Public Library HVAC Memorandum

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

#### **FACILITIES REPORT**

Mark Benno reported the GSMB project is pretty much closed out and is an example of a successful sequenced renovation. There was not a single closed date to the public. The geothermal system installation at Pinney is scheduled for June 17th.

#### FOUNDATION REPORT

[56357](#) MPLF Annual Report and Fact sheet

Allen Arntsen reported the Foundation is doing really well. They are currently hiring a development officer for grant writing. The Rack Raising campaign for Pinney Library has sold 20 of the 64 available racks.

#### FRIENDS REPORT

[56081](#) Friends Report June 5, 2019

There was no additional report.

#### DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

There was no report.

Eve Galanter left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Joseph G. Rosas and Jair C. Alvarez

**Excused:** 2 - Greg E. Dunkelberger and Eve Galanter

#### DELIBERATION AND DECISION ON BANNING APPEAL OF MR. RICHARD RATHMANN

Jaime Healy-Plotkin provided a summary of the banning and appeal. The Board remained in open session for the discussion.

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Rosas to uphold the ban. A roll call vote was taken.

**Ayes:** Kenney, McKinney, Hempstead, Rosas, Fesemyer, Healy-Plotkin

**Abstained:** Alvarez

**Absent:** Dunkelberger, Galanter

The motion passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Ald. Barbara Harrington-McKinney distributed flyers for WESTFEST at Elver Park on July 6, 2019.

[56329](#)

4th Annual WESTFEST at Elver Park