



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Thursday, May 7, 2026

5:00 PM

Goodman South Madison Library, 2222 S.  
Park St. Madison, WI 53713

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### Call to Order/Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Elizabeth M. Pierson and Genevieve A. Carter

**Absent:** 2 - Jolynne M. Roorda and Salud B. Garcia

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

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

Also present: Conor Moran

### Approval of Minutes

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

### Public Comment

1. [92972](#) Public Comment - May 7, 2026 - Madison Public Library Board

No public comment was made.

### Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### Board Exchange

Tom DeChant announced that the 6th annual All Friends book sale will be August 1, 2026 from 9am-2pm at the Library Support Center. Lisa Hempstead shared that a recent author visit at her school included books and notebooks for the students, which was sponsored by the Madison Public Library Foundation.

### New Business

2. [92967](#) Director's Report - April 2026

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

3. [92892](#) Approval of the Final December 2025 Financial Reports.

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

4. [92896](#) Approval of the March 2026 Financial Reports.

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

5. [92900](#) Approval of the Capital Budget Report.

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

6. [92961](#) Authorizing a non-competitive purchase of \$60,000 in goods and services from Envisionware, Inc., for the purchase of RFID technology to be installed at Imagination Center Reindahl Park.

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

7. [92968](#) Approving the 2027 Cataloging Services Agreement

**A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by DeChant, to Approve.**

**A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Madison to amend the motion to approve with the condition that the 2028 agreement be reviewed prior to bringing before the board in 2027. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

8. [92969](#) Approving the 2027 Statutory Resource Services Agreement

**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve with the condition that the 2028 agreement be reviewed prior to bringing before the board in 2027. The motion passed by voice vote/other.. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

9. [92970](#) Approving the 2027 Supplementary Services Agreement

**A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Carter, to Approve with the condition that the 2028 agreement be reviewed prior to bringing before the board in 2027. The motion passed by voice vote/other.. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### Discussion Items

10. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

### **Foundation Report**

Conor Moran reported that Lunch for Libraries with author Jesmyn Ward was the largest gathering of library supporters in Wisconsin with over 800 tickets sold and it raised over \$165,000. The Foundation will have a busy fall with the Imagination Center Library gala, Wisconsin Book Fest, and Ex Libris.

### **Facilities Report**

Mark Benno reported that Goodman South Library had the largest percentage of square footage increase when it was relocated 16 years ago, going from 3,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet. Major renovations in 2019/2020 included layout changes, new furniture, and LED upgrade. The library shares a condo agreement with the Urban League and there is discussion of installing solar on the roof. The recent construction of a parking ramp, plaza, and terrace have been great for the library and the whole location.

### **South Central Library System Report**

Genevieve Carter reported that the SCLS board has a governance review work group which will be sending out a survey in May. The board will be looking at the agreements approved by the MPL board today and Carter will raise the concerns brought up in that discussion.

### **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm