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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, December 4, 2025

5:00 PM

Sandburg Elementary, 4114 Donald Dr.

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 Genevieve A. Carter

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

Jolynne Roorda and Plumer Lovelace attended via telephone.

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

Also present: Conor Moran, Jane Rotonda

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. [91085](#) Public Comment - December 4, 2025 - Madison Public Library Board

No public comment was made.

Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

Board Exchange

Salúd García shared that an organization called the Kettle Moraine Alliance has challenged the inclusion of a particular book in that school district's collection. Lisa Hempstead's school had a visit from the Madison Reading Project, who provided all the students with a free book.

Sandburg Staff Comments

No Sandburg staff comments.

Wisconsin Book Festival Report

Jane Rotonda, Wisconsin Book Festival Director, presented on the events and metrics of the WBF in 2025.

New Business

2. [91083](#) Director's Report, November 2025

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [90826](#) Approval of the October 2025 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Madison, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [91084](#) Approving the closure of all Madison Public Library locations on May 14, 2026 for Staff Day

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Garcia, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
5. [91088](#) Approval of the 2026 Dane County Walk-In Contract

A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by DeChant, to Approve with Amendment that the Madison Public Library Board will seek facts from Library staff and draft a letter to present to the Mayor and the Dane County Chief Executive to encourage them to reconsider the formula used to determine payment in the contract. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [91089](#) Approval to reimburse Library Director Tana Elias for relocation expenses up to \$6,000.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
7. [91090](#) Authorizing Madison Public Library to accept, and appropriate, a \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York in the 2026 Operating Budget.

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

Discussion Items

8. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

Lisa Hempstead left the meeting at 6:25pm.

Facilities Report

Mark Benno reported that the collection for the Imagination Center Library has exceeded storage capacity at Central and now space is being leased with a moving company near the Library Support Center. This company will assist in moving materials to the library when the space is ready to receive them. The garage door at Central is still in need of repair, hopefully there will be a date set for that soon.

Foundation Report

Conor Moran reported that Ex Libris brought in over \$100,000 in unrestricted funds. The event included library staff offering attendees the opportunity to get the 150th anniversary cards. 50 people signed up for the limited edition card. December 3rd was Library Giving Day, more than \$30,000 was raised for digital collections and overall donations for the day amounted to more than \$45,000. The capital campaign for the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park passed a major milestone with the construction funding goals being met. The public phase of the campaign will open in 2026.

South Central Library System Report

Gen Carter reported that the SCLS red truck drivers were honored at the last meeting.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.