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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?*

Thursday, January 8, 2026

5:00 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St. Rm 104

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 5:06pm. Jolynne Roorda attended via telephone.

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

Also present: Conor Moran

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

1. [91373](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board - January 8, 2026

One person registered in person to make a general public comment.

Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

Board Exchange

Tana Elias reminded board members that January 9 is the last day to register for Library Legislative Day which is Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Discussion and review of the letter proposing revision to the Dane County Walk-In Contract formula.

The board determined that more information was needed before they could proceed with the letter.

New Business

2. [91371](#) Director's Report - December 2025

A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [91372](#) Authorizing the Library Board President to review and the approve the DPI Annual Report in the event the board cannot meet.

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [91297](#) Approval of the November 2025 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. 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 LED lighting mock-up on 2nd floor at Central has been well received so far. There may be some small tweaks but this iteration is more or less final. The big project of getting the chiller repaired should be done in February. Beginning in February there will be a written facilities report.

Foundation Report

Conor Moran reported that the foundation is well on their way to fully completing the ICRP campaign. Highlights for 2026 include Lunch for Libraries on May 6th with author Jesmyn Ward, a gala in the weeks leading up to the opening of the Imagination Center Library, the 25th Wisconsin Book Festival in October, and Ex Libris on the first Friday of November. Madison will be the location for the 2027 Library Fundraising Convention June 6-8, 2027, with the conference being held at Central.

South Central Library System Report

Gen Carter will start providing a written SCLS report, she missed the last meeting because she was sick, and has an inquiry out for the ILS update.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.