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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, August 6, 2026

5:00 PM

Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53716

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: 7 - Sabrina V. Madison; Brendan J. Faherty; Thomas A. DeChant; Jolynne M. Roorda; Elizabeth M. Pierson; Salud B. Garcia and Genevieve A. Carter

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

Jolynne Roorda and Brendan Faherty attended via telephone.

Genevieve Carter arrived at 5:35pm.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

1. [94231](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board - August 6, 2026

There was one registrant but no comment was made.

Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

Board Exchange

Tom DeChant shared that the All Friends Book Sale was on August 1 with 6 of 9 Friends groups participating. It raised around \$4200 which is less than other years, likely due to the heavy rain that lasted all day.

New Business

2. [94229](#) Director's Report - July 2026

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

3. [94167](#) Approving Madison Public Library Board blanket authorization for acceptance and appropriation of gifts to Madison Public Library up to \$ 50,000 for the remainder of fiscal year 2026.

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

4. [94230](#) Approving the Central Library 2027 Events and 2028 Wedding pricing

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

5. [94234](#) Approving the 2027 Intersystem Resource Library Agreement between Madison Public Library and the Southwest Library System.

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

6. [94233](#) Review and approve a board statement on HR 7661

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

Discussion Items

7. [94232](#) Proposed changes to the Behavior Policy, Unattended Minor Policy, and Ban Appeal Policy
8. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park
9. [94246](#) Facilities Report - August 2026

South Central Library System Report

Genevieve Carter reported that with all 2027 agreements completed the SCLS board has approved their 2027 fees from all libraries. Carter reminded the meeting that the board passed the 2027 agreements with the condition of looking at those for 2028. Carter also asked for feedback for how the ILS migration has been going so far.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.