



# 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, August 1, 2024

5:00 PM

Lakeview Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Jolynne M. Roorda; Salud B. Garcia; Genevieve A. Carter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Jolynne Roorda attended via telephone.

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Molly Warren, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Mark Benno, Heather Gillespie, Dani Hall, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [84569](#) Public Comment

See attachment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### BOARD EXCHANGE

Tom DeChant let the board know there will be a Friends book sale at Goodman South Madison on August 24th.

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by DeChant, to create a Critical Incident Response Policy Sub-Committee. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The subcommittee will include Garcia, DeChant, and Roorda. The purpose of the sub-committee is to develop recommendations for policy on how to support staff after critical incidents in the workplace.

The board discussed the possibility of future meetings being held in a hybrid format, Tana Elias provided guidance from City IT and Legal. Library staff will connect with staff at Sandburg Elementary to explore holding some board meetings there.

Alder Madison would like a report on the naturalist in residence program when it wraps up for this session and perhaps looking into expanding if there is need as well as more general info on community programming.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR ONBOARDING COMMITTEE

DeChant and Carter requested that board members submit their comment on the evaluation matrix.

#### NEW BUSINESS

2. [84565](#) Director's Report - July, 2024  
  
A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [84570](#) Approval of the 2025 Central Library room rental rates.  
  
A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Carter, to Approve with Amendment that a similar report be brought before the board next year. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [84541](#) Approval of the June 2024 Financial Reports.  
  
A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
5. [84542](#) Approval of the July 2024, Capital Budget report.  
  
A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [84566](#) Approval of a statement from the Madison Public Library Board to Common Council in support of a referendum.  
  
A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve with Amendments to add more language regarding the ICRP. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination at Reindahl Park  
  
This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue
8. [84568](#) Planning for the implementation of a reduction in evening hours at Madison

Public Library locations in the event that the reductions will be necessary in the 2025 Operating Budget.

This Discussion Item was Discuss and continue

## **SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Garcia, to elect Lisa Hempstead as President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Garcia, to elect Mathias Lemos Castillo as Vice President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Madison, to elect Tom DeChant as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Conor Moran reported that Foundation staff are working on Ex-Libris being held November 8, which last year raised about \$78,000. They are halfway to sponsorship goal 2 weeks in. The annual State of the Foundation was last week with double last year's attendance. In June, Foundation staff attended the International Library Fundraising Conference in Washington D.C. Planning for Wisconsin Book Fest continues, the author reveal party will be in about a month.

## **FACILITIES REPORT**

Mark Benno reported the MPL is down to one leased facility (Meadowridge) that is still in negotiation. Lakeview has the first closed circuit digital display that was installed in 2005, now all locations have integrated digital display that help broadcast real time info to the public. AV upgrades will make Central a hybrid allowable location once City IT approves. The new apartments near Pinney have just been sold but it is not whole sale of entire property and the original builder is still managing building that Pinney is in. Pinney is a condo, so the only change if rest of building sold would be common area maintenance. Sequoya is getting a lot of concrete work since it had suffered from some concrete heaving, quiet reading room and stairs to be replaced.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT**

Salúd García reported that SCLS is in a good spot financially but had some hits, lost a \$70,000 grant they usually get and also voted to increase fees on SCLS computers that libraries use. Delivery fees may also change. There is a library in the system that has bouncy house you can check out. The new SCLS director puts together reports from conversations with staff at member libraries that include different services being offered at those libraries.

## **DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

No report given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.