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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, June 4, 2026

5:00 PM

Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N. High Point
Rd. Madison, WI 53717

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III;
Elizabeth M. Pierson; Salud B. Garcia and Genevieve A. Carter
Absent: 2 - Sabrina V. Madison and Jolynne M. Roorda

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, Marc Gartler, Tina Marie Maes, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

1. [93352](#) Public Comment - June 4, 2026 - Madison Public Library Board
No public comment was made.

Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

New Business

2. [93350](#) Director's Report - May 2026
A motion was made by Pierson, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [93344](#) Approval of the April 2026 Financial Reports.
A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Discussion Items

4. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park
5. [93351](#) 2027 Operating Budget Pre-view

Discussion of the Board Writing a Letter Opposing House Resolution 7661

The Board considered the proposed letter and discussed different methods of advocacy that might be more effective and appropriate.

Facilities Report

Tana Elias reported on behalf of Mark Benno. Refitting the current lighting set-up at Central Library with LED lights would be costly and require closing parts of the library stacks for months. MPL Facilities staff are working with Engineering staff to discuss other options. Sequoya Library is reaching an age where maintenance costs will begin to increase. Security cameras have been installed in all libraries.

Foundation Report

Conor Moran reported that Lunch for Libraries on May 5th with author Jesmyn Ward was a great success and netted more than \$100,000. Foundation staff, with Tana Elias, will be attending the annual Library Fundraising Conference in Columbus, OH. This is an event that will be held at MPL next year. Ex Libris will be on November 6th and this fall will be the 25th annual Wisconsin Book Festival.

South Central Library System Report

Gen Carter reported that the agreements between MPL and SCLS were approved by the SCLS board. UW systems is exploring changing the distribution agreement they have with SCLS which would have a fiscal impact.

Special Election for the Office of President

Garcia nominated DeChant for the office of President. Carter seconded and there were no other nominations. DeChant was elected President by voice vote.

Carter nominated Garcia for Vice President. Pierson seconded and there were no other nominations. Garcia was elected Vice President by voice vote.

Garcia nominated Carter for Secretary/Treasurer. DeChant seconded and there were no other nominations. Carter was elected Secretary/Treasurer by voice vote.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.