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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, November 6, 2025

5:00 PM

Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.

Annual Meeting

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 5:10pm.

Jolynne Roorda attended via telephone.

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

Also present: Shannon Schultz, Conor Moran

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Salud Garcia and Elizabeth Pierson abstained.

Public Comment

1. [90681](#) Public Comment - November 6, 2025 - Madison Public Library Board

No public comment was made.

Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

Board Exchange

Salud García shared that Hales Corner Public Library and its director are being targeted by Wisconsin MassResistance and encouraged board members to advocate for public libraries by reaching out to anyone they may know in that area to provide information and support.

South Central Library System Presentation

Shannon Schultz, South Central Library System director, presented on the history, services, coverage area, and metrics of SCLS.

New Business

2. [90680](#) Director's Report - October, 2025

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [90448](#) Approval of the September 2025 Financial Reports

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [90629](#) Approval of the October 2025 Capital Budget Report

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
5. [90632](#) Approval of the 2025 Year-End Budget Projection and Year-End Appropriation to amend Library's 2025 operating budget.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Pierson, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [90705](#) Approval to access \$550,000 from the Madison Public Library fund balance for startup collections cost at the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park.

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

Discussion Items

7. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

Facilities Report

Mark Benno reported that at Central the robocleaner is doing a fantastic job and they are looking into getting a companion scrubber, as the robocleaner is solely a vacuum. Also at Central the mock-up lighting is going in next week, once it is installed the board members will be alerted so they can review the sample. City Engineering is putting out an RFP for water incursion repairs at the Library Support Center. The construction around Goodman South Madison is wrapping up, the parking lot and green spaces should be done soon. At the Pinney circ desk a pass through is being planned to ease access from the desk to the front door. There is also work planned on the play lab and the HVAC.

Foundation Report

Conor Moran reported that during the Wisconsin Book Festival 52 events brought 3200 people into Central and throughout the year 6,000 people came to Central for WBF events, which doesn't include offsite events. Ex Libris is November 7 and has already raised over \$100,000. The Imagination Center Library fundraising has been successful this fall with \$250k from a private donor and another \$500k pledged.

South Central Library System Report

Gen Carter reported that SCLS is working on a system plan which she will share once it is public.

Elections

Salud García nominated Lisa Hempstead as president. There were no other nominees. Lisa Hempstead was elected President by voice vote.

Salud García nominated Tom DeChant as Vice President. There were no other nominees. Tom DeChant was elected Vice President by voice vote.

Plumer Lovelace nominated Salud García as Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominees. Salud García was elected Secretary/Treasurer by voice vote.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.