



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Thursday, September 4, 2025

5:00 PM

Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N. Highpoint Rd.

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### Call to Order/Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Jolynne M. Roorda; Elizabeth M. Pierson and Salud B. Garcia

**Excused:** 1 - Genevieve A. Carter

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

Jolynne Roorda and Alder Sabrina Madison arrived at 5:15pm. Elizabeth Pierson attended the meeting via telephone.

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

Also present: Conor Moran

### Approval of Minutes

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

### Public Comment

No public comment was made.

1. [89758](#) Public Comment - September 4, 2025 - Madison Public Library Board

### Disclosures and Recusals

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### Board Exchange

#### Alicia Ashman Library Presentation

Marc Gartler provided the history and metrics of Alicia Ashman Library as well as the demographic information of the neighborhood and highlights of different types of services and programs.

**New Business**

2. [89751](#) Director's Report - August 2025  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
3. [89181](#) Approval of the 2025 mid-year budget projection.  
**A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
4. [89194](#) Approval of the June 2025 Financial Reports.  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [89445](#) Approval of the July 2025 Financial Reports.  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
6. [89752](#) Approval of the 2026 Madison Public Library Operating Calendar with the provision that Sunday hours and locations are contingent on funding  
  
**A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
7. [89754](#) Approval of the 2026 Madison Public Library Board Meeting Calendar  
  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Discussion Items**

8. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

**Facilities Report**

Mark Benno reported that the mockup of LED lights at Central had been installed, with another version to be installed soon. An order is in to replace our commercial printer. Alicia Ashman Library opened in 2005 and renovations occurred shortly after the pandemic. The type of construction used in the condo unit has necessitated a lot of replacements like windows, doors, and the roof.

**Foundation Report**

Conor Moran reported that Ex Libris tickets went on sale on September 3. The Wisconsin Book Festival schedule release is next week with an event that will

also include a Bubbler art installation opening. The ICRP funding campaign received an unexpected gift that moved the campaign to within \$1million of the final goal.

**South Central Library System Report**

No report given.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm