



# 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, May 2, 2024

5:00 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 104

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Salud B. Garcia and Genevieve A. Carter  
**Excused:** 2 - Sabrina V. Madison and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Alyssa Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Jolynne Roorda attend via phone.

MPL Staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Molly Warren, Mark Benno, Yesi Ramirez, Marc Gartler, Annie Weatherby-Flowers, Lori Suiter, Rynn Kerkhove, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: David Schmiedicke, Erin Hillson, Libby Gerds

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### BOARD EXCHANGE

The board welcomes new member Plumer Lovelace.

### 2025 OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSION

Finance Director David Schmiedicke discussed the 2025 Operating Budget process with the board.

### WEST SIDE PLAN DATA PRESENTATION

Library Planner Rynn Kerkhove presented on updates to the West Side Plan data. This included data on city population demographics and projections. Rynn included information on current library check-outs, library square floor feet per capita, and planned expansions.

#### REVIEW THE AGENDA

1. [83121](#) Director's Report - April, 2024  
  
**A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
2. [82745](#) Submitting the appointment of Tana Elias for confirmation of a five-year term as the Madison Public Library Director.  
  
**A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Carter, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
3. [83087](#) Approval of the 2023 Financial Reports.  
  
**A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Garcia, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
4. [83090](#) Approval of the April 2024 Capital Budget report.  
  
**A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Garcia, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [83094](#) Approval of the March 2024 Financial Reports.  
  
**A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
6. [83119](#) Approval of the 2025 Statutory Resource Services Agreement  
  
**A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Garcia abstained.**
7. [83120](#) Approval of the 2025 Supplementary Services Agreement  
  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Garcia abstained.**

#### DIRECTOR ONBOARDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee met for the first time on April 22nd. They proposed a scope of work which is to support Tana as she transitions into director role, to set measurable expectations for performance, balancing both a high level of initiative the position requires with the need for a shared vision and direction from the board. To develop accountability for Tana and the Board to ensure she is supported and are co-developing a vision and direction for the library.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

Libby Gerds reported on behalf of the Foundation. 1400 people attended a Wisconsin Book Festival event with the author Amor Towles, which was the largest WBF event ever and many attendees received free books. The total attendance for WBF events this year is nearly 5000. Lunch for Libraries also had record turn out with 775 people in attendance. The preliminary revenue figure was over \$138,000. The Foundation received a \$360,000 grant for early literacy initiatives which will extend over 3 years.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT**

Salud Garcia reported on SCLS. There was recently an audit that went very well and showed a clean bill of health. The federal government hasn't done appropriations for a big library grant so the SCLS board got a link and wrote to senators. Salud will forward the advocacy links to board members. A big topic was book challenges which have been on the rise with many in Wisconsin. Salud has started a small advocacy group Wisconsin Library Alliance to get a group of people together to help support the library during these challenges. This may include policy proposals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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