



# 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, February 6, 2025

5:00 PM

Goodman South Library, 2222 S. Park St.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Salud B. Garcia; Genevieve A. Carter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo  
**Excused:** 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 5:01pm

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Ching Wong, Lori Suiter, Craig Holler, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Amber McReynolds, Conor Moran

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [86922](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board - February 6, 2025  
Richard Rathmann made public comment.

### BAN APPEAL OF RICHARD RATHMANN

Lisa Hempstead provided information on the circumstances of the ban and Mr. Rathmann explained why he feels the ban should be repealed.

### BOARD EXCHANGE

Library Legislative day is coming up on 2/11/25. Salud García will represent the MPLB for the Legislative Day.

### REPORT ON GOODMAN LIBRARY

Ching Wong gave a presentation on the history, metrics, neighborhood, programs, and partnerships of Goodman Library.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. [86920](#) Director's Report - January 2025  
  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 3. [86564](#) Review and approve changes to the MPLB Bylaws as proposed by the Bylaws Review Committee.  
  
**A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by Garcia, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 4. [86877](#) Approval of the preliminary December 2024 Financial Reports.  
  
**A motion was made by Carter, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 5. [86881](#) Approval of the Capital Budget Report.  
  
**A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 6. [86883](#) Approval of the 2024 carry forward funds and authorizing appropriation to Madison Public Library's 2025 Operating Budget.  
  
**A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 7. [86952](#) Approving and authorizing Madison Public Library to transfer 2024 Adopted Operating Budget reductions between Munis budget rollup codes, this is a net neutral budget amendment.  
  
**A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 8. [86921](#) Approval of the 2024 DPI Report  
  
**A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lovelace III, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 9. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park  
  
**No updates.**

**LIBRARY BOARD ONBOARDING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The subcommittee members selected 4 components to focus on for onboarding: interpersonal, printed, online, and trainings. They are planning to develop a survey for current members to see how knowledgeable they feel about the role of the board.

#### **FACILITIES REPORT**

Mark Benno reported that when Goodman Library moved locations in 2010 it quadrupled its space and a \$350,000 renovation was completed in 2019. It is normal for major renovations to be needed in the first decade of a new building since the designed use and actual use is determined over the years. For example, the community room which is a heavily used, especially for children's programming, was originally carpeted. The renovation replaced the flooring with a more durable and easy to clean material.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Conor Moran reported on behalf of the Foundation. Abraham Verghese has been confirmed as the author for Lunch for Libraries and attendees will receive a paperback copy of his book *The Covenant of Water*. Public Health awarded a \$30,000 grant for Making Justice. The Foundation board met to finalize info for their strategic planning session, they expect to have the plan in place this month and approved in April.

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT**

Salúd García missed the last SCLS board meeting but from looking at the minutes it appeared to be largely housekeeping with tasks like assigning committees and setting meeting dates.

#### **CLOSED SESSION TO DELIBERATE ON BAN APPEAL**

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Convene into Closed Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Salud B. Garcia; Genevieve A. Carter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

**Excused:** 2 - Sabrina V. Madison and Jolynne M. Roorda

A motion was made and seconded to affirm the ban. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes - 6**

A motion was made by Garcia and seconded by Lemos Castillo to reconvene into open session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.