



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, March 31, 2016

5:00 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; James T. Igielski; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Tracy K. Kuczenski; Philip C. Grupe; Eve Galanter; Megan K. Jackson and Gregory Markle

**Excused:** 1 - Willie R. Glenn, Sr.

**Also present:** Greg Mickells, Catherine Duarte, Tom DeChant, Alder David Ahrens, Alder Marsha Rummel, Alder Samba Baldeh, Alder Amanda Hall, Marc Gartler, Chris Cherney, Deb Lehnher, Michael Spelman, Tenzin Kunsang, Mark Benno, Susan Lee, Margie Navarre Saaf, Krissy Wick

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Tracy Kuczenski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals.

### BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE

Eve Galanter shared a March 30, 2016 New York Times article regarding the San Jose Library. The author identifies fines as a deterrent to library usage by low income residents.

### PRESENTATION OF EAST SIDE STRATEGIC SERVICE PLAN

[42427](#) Strategic Plan for Eastside Growth

Catherine Duarte delivered a power point presentation of the plan followed by questions and comments of board members and alders in attendance at the meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO REPLACE BOARD OF ESTIMATES**

Greg Markle communicated his request that any proposed change to the Board of Estimates be referred to the Library Board as part of the committee review process. Markle stated that library budgets are reviewed and often adjusted through the current Board of Estimates process and, as such, the BOE or any new committee which takes on many of these same functions is of great importance to the future of library services in Madison.

Markle asked that Ald. McKinney request a referral of possible future legislation for review by the Library Board.

**ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

[42288](#) March 2016 Library Director's Report

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

Greg Mickells introduced Krissy Wick as the new Director of Public Service. Mickells also announced that Madison was recently recognized as one of Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities. What Works Cities is designed to accelerate cities' use of data to improve people's lives. The Mayor's office selected 5 city agencies to participate on this project: Metro, Health, Community Development, Finance and Madison Public Library.

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINAL 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

[42294](#) 2015 OPERATING BUDGET DRAFT FINAL REPORT

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

[42295](#) CAPITAL AND OPERATING PROJECTS 2015 DRAFT FINAL

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

**APPROVAL TO CLOSE ALL MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARIES ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2016  
FOR STAFF DAY**

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Markle to approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**FACILITIES REPORT**

Mark Benno reported the Pennsylvania Ave. rental property was vacated today. Additionally a meeting was held with Monona Terrace staff today regarding the partnership on the Badger Rd. property. The timing is working well with the capital budget which will be on the May agenda for board approval.

**FRIENDS REPORT**

There was no report.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

There was no report.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

Jaime Healy-Plotkin stated SCLS staff completed visits of all the member libraries and shared a good report.

**DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

There was no report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.