



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, November 4, 2021

5:00 PM

Meetings held at various library locations.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Juliana R. Bennett; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Michael I. Ford and Jair C. Alvarez  
**Excused:** 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5pm.

Alder Julianna Bennett attended via phone only.

MPL Staff present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Carra Davies, Jane Jorgenson, Michael Spelman, Molly Warren, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Tana Elias, Ching Wong, Lori Suiter, Marc Gartler, Mark Benno, Susan Lee, Jill Maidenberg, Tina Marie Maes, Yesianne Ramirez, Isis Newman.

Also present: Steve Brist, Alder Tag Evers, Tom Kuplic.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by Healy-Plotkin, to Approve the Minutes. Healy-Plotkin provided corrections to the SCLS report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [68106](#) Public Comment - November 4, 2021  
See attached report.

### BANNING APPEAL OF DENNIS BLEWETT

Ford made a motion, seconded by Hempstead, to dismiss the appeal. It passed by voice vote/other.

**MPL STAFF REPORT**

Molly Warren, Collections Manager, provided a report on the function, staffing, and budget of the Collections Management department, as well as its future goals and projects. She also discussed the Collection Development Policy, last updated in December, 2016.

**BOARD EXCHANGE**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 2. [68136](#) Director's Report - October, 2021

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

- 3. [68105](#) Amendment to the Library's 2022 Operating Budget

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve the following amendment to the 2022 Operating budget: Add 0.7 FTE Library Assistant position, an hourly Page position, and appropriate \$70,000 in salaries and benefits to the Library's budget for the Monroe Street branch using Library reserves to fund the positions. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 4. [68135](#) 2022 Resource Library Agreement

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

- 5. [68137](#) Update to borrowing policies - "How can I get a library card?"

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

- 6. [68082](#) Approval of the September 2021 Financial Reports

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

- 7. [68098](#) Approval of the 3rd quarter 2021 Operating Budget Projection

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

- 8. [68134](#) Approval of the Madison Public Library YTD Capital Budget Report, as of October 27, 2021

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

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Kenney, to begin the Annual Meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Alvarez, to re-elect Galanter as President.

A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by Healy-Plotkin, to elect Fesemyer as Vice-President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Kenner, to elect Ford as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno provided a report that there some large projects at Pinney Library that are waiting for assistance from City Engineering, who are busy with other city projects, which leaves \$700,000 in the funds that will not be used until 2022. Work on the LED upgrade continues, and the department is working on preparing for winter operations.

#### FRIENDS REPORT

The friends representative is on vacation, Greg Mickells reported that materials at the Library Support Center are being picked up by Thrift Books.

#### FOUNDATION REPORT

No report given.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin provided a report that the SCLS Board has approved a letter of intent for the purchase of a property which is part of a long process that will eventually go in front of Finance Committee and Common Council.

#### DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that DCLS is coming up on its last meeting so he might have more to report next meeting on how the year shaped up.

#### DIRECTOR EVALUATION DISCUSSION

Helay-Plotkin made a motion, seconded by Kenney, to go into closed session.  
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The board went into closed session at 7pm

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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