



# 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, April 7, 2022

5:00 PM Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N. High Point Rd. Madison, WI  
53717

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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

**Absent:** 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Jaime Healy-Plotkin attended via phone.

Jair Alvarez arrived at 5:05pm.

Lisa Hempstead arrived at 5:06pm.

Library staff present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Tana Elias, Mark Benno, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Susan Lee, Marc Gartler, Lori Suiter, Holly Stork-Post, Tina Marie Maes, Isis Newman.

Also present: Dr. Linda Vakunta, Kathy Michaelis.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ford, seconded by Fesemyer, 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

Eve Galanter reminded the board that Lunch for Libraries is taking place on April 16th, 2022 at Monona Terrace with Guy Raz as guest speaker. Alder Juliana Bennett recognized Library Week.

**REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR DR. LINDA VAKUNTA**

Dr. Linda Vakunta is one of the Deputy Mayors. She discussed her early life, education, and career prior to working for the Mayor's Office. Board members asked Dr. Vakunta questions about the Mayor's budget messaging and the influx of state and federal funds being distributed to municipalities.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. [70713](#) Director's Report - March, 2022  
  
**A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Bennett, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**  
  
Greg Mickells added to his written report to bring attention to 3 library staff members who were awarded WICC recognition of women in leadership: Tana Elias, Carra Davies, and Tammy Ocampo.
2. [70714](#) 2022 Adjacent County Reimbursement Requests  
  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Fesemyer, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
3. [70284](#) Authorize appropriation to Madison Public Library 2022 Capital Budget \$27,409.65 of funds received from Hawthorne branch landlord for building improvements. The funds were originally in Library's 2021 Operating Budget and lapsed to Library fund balance.  
  
**A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Ford, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
4. [70341](#) Authorize acceptance and appropriation of anticipated future receipts of Focus on Energy rebates for the remaining Library branch location LED upgrades totaling \$7,500 estimated rebates.  
  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [70550](#) Approval of the 2023 Capital Budget Request  
  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Fesemyer, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Eve Galanter called a recess from 6:27pm-6:32pm

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6. [70564](#) Approval of the February 2022 Financial Statements  
  
**A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Ford, to Approve. The motion**

passed by voice vote/other.

7. [70568](#) Approval and authorization for appropriation of the updated 2021 Carry Forward funds.  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Alvarez, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
8. [70746](#) Authorize acceptance and appropriation to the 2022 Library Budget \$67,000 in ARPA funds for expansion of the Amplifying Community Voices project to Pinney and Goodman South Madison branches.  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
9. [70776](#) Approval to close all Madison Public Libraries on September 22, 2022 for Staff Day  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Ford, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
10. [70777](#) National Library Week Tribute to Staff  
**A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

#### FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno provided a report focusing on Alicia Ashman Library which has undergone over \$300,000 in improvements since 2016 including such things as roof replacement, LED upgrade, new furniture, spot painting, repairs to the pergola outside, and HVAC upgrades.

#### FOUNDATION REPORT

Kathy Michaelis provided a report on behalf of the Foundation, saying that the Library Giving Day \$25,000 challenge has started and goes all the way through April. The Foundation will resume providing state of the Foundation reports on a monthly basis. Michaelis also highlighted two authors, James Patterson and Neil Gaiman, coming to the Wisconsin Book Festival this year.

#### FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis provided a report on the Friends of the Library. The Friends will be holding a super sale at the Library Support Center on June 4th, 2022. There have been lots of little pop-up sales and a number of larger ones coming up. The last sale lasted 4 hours and made over \$1,000. The Friends have been celebrating Library Week with food and gifts to library staff. Friends have brought 5 pallets of books to Thrift Books and making smaller donations to St. Vincent's and Little Libraries around town.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin discussed the recent up-tick in requests for the banning of books and the resource list on Intellectual Freedom that DPI published.

Healy-Plotkin also mentioned the annual report which the library board approved in February did not result in any of the 54 participating libraries giving a "no" vote for system effectiveness.

#### **DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

Greg Mickells reported that there was no news from DCLS and things have been quiet with everything getting back to in person.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm