



# 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, December 1, 2022

5:00 PM

Central Library 201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 301

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Alyssa Kenney arrived at 5:11pm. Jolynne Roorda attended via telephone.

MPL staff present: Greg Mickells (via phone), Krissy Wick, Susan Lee, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Tana Elias, Lori Suiter, Liz Avery, Isis Newman

Also present: Conor Moran, Kathy Michaelis

Present: 9 - Juliana R. Bennett; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Yeonhee Cheong and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

### BOARD EXCHANGE

The board congratulated Julianna Bennett on her upcoming graduation from the UW.

### WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL REPORT

Conor Moran made his last report as the Wisconsin Book Festival Director, as he has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Madison Public Library Foundation. Moran reported that the 2022 Book Fest had more than 11,500 attendees which included those attending in person, virtually, and viewing replayed events. The 4-day fall celebration saw a 50% increase in

attendance over previous year. Moran highlighted events with speakers Andy Weir, Cody Keenan and Pete Souza.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. [74814](#) Director's Report - November, 2022  
  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
  
2. [74816](#) Approval for Madison Public Library to sign the Urban Libraries Council's Declaration of Democracy:  
<https://www.urbanlibraries.org/initiatives/declaration-of-democracy>  
  
**A motion was made by Cheong, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
  
3. [74815](#) Approval of the 2023 Dane County Walk-In Agreement  
  
**A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
  
4. [74787](#) Approval of the 2022 3rd Quarter Budget Projection and year-end appropriation.  
  
**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
  
5. [74792](#) Approval of the October 2022 Financial Reports  
  
**A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Hempstead to elect Alyssa Kenney as President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Cheong, to elect Lisa Hempstead as Vice-President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Kenney, to elect Cindy Fesemyer as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**FACILITIES REPORT**

No report.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

Conor Moran spoke about the plans for hiring the next WBF Director and will be working with the Library to look at the needs of both MPL and MPLF. The annual fund appeal is going on now and exceeding benchmarks. Ex Libris

grossed over \$100,000 this year. The MPLF Board voted to initiate the capital campaign for the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park which officially begins in January 2023.

#### **FRIENDS REPORT**

Kathy Michaelis reported that the Friends groups as a whole are gathering to do a policy and procedure survey to look at things like fundraising and recruitment. There is a tentative meeting for January to discuss the next big book sale. Meadowridge Friends are having pie sales again, which seems to be going well. Goodman South Friends are working with Delta Beer Lab to set up a story slam. The annual meeting of the Pinney Friends will be on Monday via Zoom with author Kathleen Ernst as the speaker.

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

Eve Galanter attended last month's SCLS Board meeting which went over the details of the purchase of SCLS's new home.

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

No report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**