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Minutes of the November 2025 Madison Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Presented in December 2025

President John Nelson called the meeting to order.

Board Members in attendance: Laura Reed, Erin Bruce, Jenny Wolff, and Kelli Wollmann.

Carrie Studer and Domingo Rocha were absent.

A quorum was present.

Lisa Martin was present as secretary.

Wollmann motioned to accept the agenda, seconded by Reed. Motion passed.

Reed motioned to accept the minutes of the October Board Meetings, seconded by Wolff. Motion passed.

Martin reviewed the bills. Reed motioned to accept the bills, seconded by Wollmann. Motion passed.

Martin reported on matters important to the Library. Including:

- Digital Basics class for adults
- Library accreditation award
- Hoopla Usage

Trustees will do 5-10 minutes of training each month to maintain Library Certification. This month 3 trustees reviewed the requirements for ongoing accreditation for 10 minutes resulting in 30 minutes of board training.

The front ramp handrail was installed. The city heard concerns about the texture of the rails and quickly worked to resolve the problem. The ramp is open and being used.

The City Commission accepted the proposed budget.

Holiday hours were discussed. The board sets MPL's operating hours but the city of Madison sets employee benefits, including holidays. Wolff motioned that the Board align the operating hours of the Library with employee benefits: 11/26 - close at 6pm, 11/27 - closed, 12/24 - close at 1pm, 12/25 - closed, 12/31 - close at 6pm, and 1/1 - closed. Reed seconded. The motion passed.

Martin informed the Board of the Carnegie Foundation Gift. The Board will receive a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation as part of a national commemoration gift to Carnegie Libraries. The funds are expected to arrive in January 2026.

The Carnegie Corporation has stated that the library may use these funds in any way that furthers MPL's mission and benefits the community.

The Board reviewed Patron Privileges Policy and considered adding a library card for patrons in transitional housing or shelters. Reed motioned to update the policy for a temporary housing card. Wollmann seconded. The motion passed.

There was no one waiting for public comment.

Wollmann motioned to adjourn. Wolff seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Martin

Date approved: December 16, 2025 meeting