



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### 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, January 8, 2026

12:00 PM

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Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda for more information.

Los intérpretes deben solicitarse con anticipación; consulte el final de la agenda para obtener más información.

Yuav tsuam tau thov txog cov neeg txhais lus hau ntej; thov saib hauv qab kawg ntawm qhov txheej txheem rau cov ntaub ntawv ntxiv.

**Present** 3 - REX A OWENS, YOGESH CHAWLA, and LISBETH SOLANO

**Absent** 4 - JOEL GRATZ, MICHELLE JENSEN, JENNIFER CONROY, and JIMMY CHEFFEN

يجب التقدم بطلب خدمات الترجمة مقدماً. يرجى الاطلاع على أسفل جدول الأعمال للمزيد من المعلومات

The January 8, 2026 Dane County Library Board meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

The public can attend in person at 1874 S Stoughton Rd.

The public can access the meeting virtually with the Zoom application.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/94448990578>

Meeting ID: 944 4899 0578

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**PROCESS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**IN PERSON:** Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item can register in person at the meeting using paper registration forms. **IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER VIA THE ZOOM LINK ABOVE EVEN IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING IN PERSON.**

In person registrations to provide public comment will be accepted throughout the meeting.

**VIRTUAL:** Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: [herold.tracy@danecounty.gov](mailto:herold.tracy@danecounty.gov)

**A. Call To Order**

Guest Kate Martin, resident of Cottage Grove, was present.

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2025](#)  
[MIN-473](#)

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2025 LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by SOLANO, that the Minutes be approved the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 3 - OWENS, CHAWLA and SOLANO

**Absent:** 4 - GRATZ, JENSEN, CONROY and CHEFFEN

**C. Action Items**

[2025](#)  
[ACT-305](#)

APPROVAL OF SLATE OF 2026 OFFICERS

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by SOLANO, that the 2026 Slate of officers be approved:

**President - Jimmy Cheffen**

**Vice-president - Michelle Jensen**

**Secretary - Jenny Conroy**

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 3 - OWENS, CHAWLA and SOLANO

**Absent:** 4 - GRATZ, JENSEN, CONROY and CHEFFEN

[2025](#)  
[ACT-303](#)

## APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2025 EXPENDITURE REPORT

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by SOLANO, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 3 - OWENS, CHAWLA and SOLANO

**Absent:** 4 - GRATZ, JENSEN, CONROY and CHEFFEN

[2025](#)  
[ACT-308](#)

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT

CLOSED SESSION: The Library Board may go into closed session for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c).

A motion was made by SOLANO, seconded by CHAWLA, that the Library Director Evaluation report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 3 - OWENS, CHAWLA and SOLANO

**Absent:** 4 - GRATZ, JENSEN, CONROY and CHEFFEN

[2025](#)  
[ACT-307](#)

## EXIT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

This resolution was not acted on

**E. Reports to Committee**[2025](#)  
[RPT-598](#)

## JANUARY 2026 LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates****G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda****H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****I. Adjourn**

This resolution was adjourned

**Ayes:** 3 - OWENS, CHAWLA and SOLANO

**Absent:** 4 - GRATZ, JENSEN, CONROY and CHEFFEN

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Sau tseg: Yog koj xav tau ib tug neeg txhais lus, txhais ua ntaub ntawv, cov ntaub ntawv uas nyob rau lwm yam kev lawm los sis lwm yam kev pab nkag rau qhov kev pab no, kev ua si los sis kev pab cuam, thov hu tus xov tooj rau hauv qab no—xav kom hu li peb hnuv ua ntej tuaj tab sis tsis pub tsawg tshaj 24 xuab moos ua ntej rau lub rooj sib tham no.

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