

HENNEPIN COUNTY

LIBRARY BOARD




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April 24, 2025, 5:30-6:30p.m.

Ridgedale Library | Robert H. Rohlf Room | 12601 Ridgedale Dr. | Minnetonka, MN 55305

Library Board Agenda

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Attendance
-  3. Approval of Agenda*
-  4. Approval of April 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes*
5. Committee procedures
6. Library Board Officers to report on May 14, 2025
-  7. Adjourn*

Library Board

Jessica Kraft, President | Lynn Stetler, Vice President | Amal Karim, Secretary | Gordy Aune, Jr. | Jane Brissett | Erin Brudvik | Erin Carney | Kimberly Connolly | Michael Hogan | Randy Klauk | Ashley Krohn

Library Director
Scott Duimstra



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Nominating Committee

Meeting Summary

The Hennepin County Library Board Nominating Committee met on April 24, 2024, at Ridgedale Library, Robert H. Rohlf Room, 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka.

Attendees

Present: Amal Karim (Chair), Gordy Aune, Jr., Briana Eicheldinger, Lynn Stetler.

Hennepin County Staff: Scott Duimstra, J.R. Genett

Call to Order

Chair Amal Karim called the Nominating Committee meeting of April 24, 2024, to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Attendance of Library Board Members

Library Board Clerk J.R. Genett took the roll call. The Board met the quorum with all committee members present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Aune, Jr.

Second: Stetler

Motion passed.

Approval of May 3, 2023, Meeting Summary

Motion: Aune, Jr.

Second: Eicheldinger

Motion passed.

Library Board

Jane Brissett, President | Lynn Stetler, Vice President | Amal Karim, Secretary | Gordy Aune, Jr. | Erin Carney | Xaiyo Chang | Briana Eicheldinger | Michael Hogan | Randy Klauk | Jessica Kraft | Ashley Krohn

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Committee Procedures

The Committee reviewed Committee and Library Board procedures for nominating officers.

Library Board Officers to Report to Full Library Board on May 15, 2024

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of Executive Officers: Jessica Kraft as President, Ashley Krohn as Vice President, Amal Karim as Secretary.

President – Jessica Kraft

Motion: Aune, Jr.

Seconded: Eicheldinger

Motion passed.

Vice President – Ashley Krohn

Motion: Aune, Jr.

Seconded: Karim

Motion passed.

Secretary – Amal Karim

Motion: Aune, Jr.

Seconded: Eicheldinger

Motion passed.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Motion: Stetler

Seconded: Aune, Jr.

Motion passed.

Amal Karim, Secretary

	Aune Jr, Gordy	Brissett, Jane	Brudvik, Erin	Carney, Erin,	Connolly, Kimberly	Hogan, Michael	Karim, Amal	Klauk, Randy	Kraft, Jessica	Krohn, Ashley	Stetler Lynn
Officers*											
President								X			
Vice President											X
Secretary						X					
Committees**											
Budget Committee Chair											
Budget Committee Member		X	1		1			X	X	X	
Executive Committee Member^		X			3		X	X		X	
Friends of Library Ex Officio		X			X						
Nominating Committee^^ Chair						X					
Nominating Committee Member	X				2						
Policy Committee Chair						X					
Policy Committee Member			2	X		X			X		
Notes			wants to start with 1 committee		Only selected E.C. to serve as FHCL ex officio				wants to serve on both		

Bylaws state:

*Officers: At the annual meeting (May 14), the Library Board shall elect a President, Vice President and a Secretary (see more info under Nominating Committee)

**Committees: The President, with the concurrence of the Library Board, may appoint standing and ad hoc committees. The President shall designate the Chair who shall preside at all meetings of the committee. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside....No Committee shall consist of less than three members or more than five member....The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Bylaws or the Library Board. (This means all committees other than the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee.) The President or designee shall serve as an ex officio member on the Friends of the Hennepin County Library Board.

^Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of five members: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the immediate Past President, and an additional member or members selected by the President.

^^Nominating Committee: The President, with the concurrence of the Library Board, shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least one month prior to the annual meeting to determine recommendations for officers. The nominating committee is a standing committee of the Board. The President shall designate a Chair who shall preside at all meetings of the committee. In the absence of the Chair, the committee shall elect Chair pro tem. The committee will consist of an odd number of members...The chair of the Committee will present the nominations for each office at the annual meeting. After each nomination per office, the chair will call for further nominations from the floor, conduct the election for that office, and then repeat this procedure for each of the offices...With the exception of the Nominating Committee, the President of the Board shall be an ex officio member of all committees and shall have a full vote upon all matters at the committee meetings the President may attend.

Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: April 1, 2025

Name: Erin Carney

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee - member

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2023

Position(s) held: None

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

250 character limit

N/A

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Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: 3/20/25

Name: Kimberly Connelly

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

- 1 Budget and Long-term Planning
- 3 Executive Committee
- 2 Nominating Committee
- Policy Committee

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Member at Large
- None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2025

Position(s) held:

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

250 character limit

Budget is my 1st choice as a way of quickly learning the ways of HCL, and because, numbers!

Also would be interested in serving as liaison to Friends if needed, which is why I added Ex Committee as an option.



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Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: 3/16/25

Name: Michael Hogan

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee - Will serve as chair again if no others volunteering.

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2025, 2021

Position(s) held: Policy Chair

Please provide a brief statement of interest: The committee is interesting and I
250 character limit enjoy the process.



Due: April 4

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Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: 3/19/2025

Name: Erin Brudvik

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning - 1st choice

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee - 2nd choice

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2025

Position(s) held: NA

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

250 character limit

I have experience with long range planning & budgeting so I think I could be of use there. I also have a background in policy development so would be happy to serve there if needed instead. My preference would be to start with 1 committee.



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Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date:

3/19/2023

Name:

Ashley Fisher

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

member

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee

member

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board:

2023

Position(s) held:

former chair of Policy, former member Exec.

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

250 character limit

member of Policy + Budget

I would love to continue serving on the Policy and the Budget + Long-term Planning committees. I feel a sense of purpose + benefit to our community through these committee appointments.



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Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: 3/19/25

Name: Gordy Arno Jr

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2020

Position(s) held: Policy Member / Chair Budget Committee

Please provide a brief statement of interest:
250 character limit

Nominating



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Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: 3/19/25

Name: Jane Brunett

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee

Friends of Lib of office representative

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: - 2020

Position(s) held: *President, v.p., policy chair, policy, budget, other committee*

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

250 character limit

I would like to use my experience to continue work on budget ~~and~~ Friends' Board. If I am able, I think I can contribute to the Executive Committee given my past Board responsibilities.



Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: April 4, 2025

Name: Amal Karim

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee [x]

Policy Committee

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary [x]

Member at Large

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2021

Position(s) held: Secretary, Nominating Committee chair

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

I would be honored to serve as the HCL Board Secretary for another year. I have enjoyed working with two different Presidents and believe my past experience serving on the executive committee will help make for a smooth transition to another successful year.

Libraries are vital community hubs that provide access to information, foster lifelong learning, and promote inclusivity. In the current political climate, where the value of public institutions is often challenged, it is imperative to have dedicated supporters who advocate for the importance of libraries. I am committed to championing the library's role in our community and ensuring it remains a welcoming space for all.



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Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: 3/31/25

Name: Jessica Kraft

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning

Executive Committee

Nominating Committee

Policy Committee

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2023

Position(s) held: President

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

250 character limit

I am happy to continue on as president if there are no other volunteers. I have enjoyed the role and feel I have fulfilled my responsibilities to facilitate meetings, discuss agenda topics, and participate in library events/programs. I enjoy leadership positions and am passionate about the services that our libraries provide for the community.



Form of Interest

Library Board Officer and Committee

Date: 3. April 2025

Name: Lynn Stetler

Committees/Chair of interest (multiple allowed, minimum one)

Budget and Long-term Planning –yes

Executive Committee --yes

Policy Committee

Positions of interest (more than one allowed):

President

Vice-President --yes

Secretary

Member at Large

None this year

Year appointed to the Library Board: 2021

Position(s) held: Vice-President, Secretary, Member-at- Large

Please provide a brief statement of interest:

I would like to continue in my role as Vice-President. There are so many engaging things happening in Hennepin County Library. There is a new enthusiasm in the Leadership, the staff, the Library Board and most importantly, the public we serve. As a long-time former library employee, I feel like HCL is back on track being an important and vital part of Hennepin County residents. I see the excitement in events and programs I attend and speaking to staff and patrons. I have made many contacts and friends across the County during my 41 years at the County and I would like to continue to do that in serving as Vice President of the Library Board.

