

MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
7550 Lohmeyer Maplewood, MO 63143

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MINUTES (SPECIAL MEETING)
January 7, 2026

1. Roll call of members
 - a. Present: C. Char (Zoom), K. Gifford (Zoom), A. Johnson, E. Loveless, D. Rubin, T. Scrivner, K. Spencer, T. Rodgers. Also present: A. Bryant, Library Dir.; T. Smith, Navigate
2. Public comments – None.
3. Closed Session – Motion to move into closed session: D. Rubin. Second: T. Scrivner. Roll Call vote to hold closed session: C. Char (Aye), K. Gifford (Aye), A. Johnson (Aye), E. Loveless (Aye), D. Rubin (Aye), T. Scrivner (Aye), K. Spencer (Aye), T. Rodgers (Aye). Approved. Held closed session in which legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. Pursuant to subsection (1) of section 610.021, RSMo. Motion to end closed session: D. Rubin. Second: E. Loveless. Roll Call vote to end closed session: C. Char (Abstain [absent]), K. Gifford (Aye), A. Johnson (Aye), E. Loveless (Aye), D. Rubin (Aye), T. Scrivner (Aye), K. Spencer (Aye), T. Rodgers (Aye). Approved.
4. Motion to approve the settlement terms outlined in the email from Tiesha Smith to Ashley Bryant Friday, December 19, 2025, at 4:03 PM—with caveat that all punchlist items must be completed with quality and approved by Ashley Bryant and whomever she chooses: A. Johnson. Second: T. Rodgers. Approved.
5. Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn: A. Johnson. Second: E. Loveless. Approved. Adjourned.

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DEIB Statement: The Maplewood Public Library Board of Trustees, comprised of community leaders, gives voice to its diverse residents, businesses, stakeholders, and consumers for the well-being of the City. In carrying out our duties, the Library Board commits to advance the City's mission for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB). We embrace and will attempt to adhere to the Welcome Maplewood DEIB Policy and 5-year Plan since it invests in our employees and future workforce, promotes access to City services, enhances the vibrancy of our neighborhoods, makes our community more welcoming, and creates a sense of belonging. We support Welcome Maplewood because we value diverse processes and seek to ensure that all voices are heard. Finally, as we deliberate on individual items within our Commission, we will incorporate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging into our decision-making and within our recommendations.