

# HENNEPIN COUNTY





## LIBRARY BOARD

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May 3, 2023, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Virtual Library Board Meeting

# Library Board Agenda

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER
  2. ATTENDANCE
  -  3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA\*
  -  4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2022, MEETING SUMMARY
  -  5. LIBRARY BOARD OFFICERS TO REPORT TO FULL LIBRARY BOARD ON MAY 17, 2023
  6. ADJOURN\*

 \*Library Board action items

### Library Board

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

Interim Library Director  
Dan Rogan



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### Nominating Committee

#### Meeting Summary

The Library Board Nominating Committee met Wednesday, April 26, 2022, via Microsoft Teams.

#### Attendees

**Present:** Amal Karim, Adja Kaba, Tim Dolan, Gordy Aune, Jr, Erin Vrieze Daniels, Lynn Stetler, and Briana Eicheldinger

**Hennepin County Staff:** Jeannette Lewis

#### Public:

#### Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Amal Karim called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

#### Approval of Agenda

Erin Vrieze Daniels made a motion to approve the amended April 26, 2022, agenda; second by Tim Dolan.

Amendment: Agenda item#4; Remove Slate

#### Approval of Meeting Summary

Erin Vrieze Daniels made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021, meeting summaries; second by Amal Karim.

The Nominating committee noted that the committee shouldn't recommend a "Slate" of officers but instead recommend Individual Officers of the board.

#### Library Board Officers to Report

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Library board Officers: Adja Kaba as President, Jane Brissett as Vice President, and Lynn Stetler as Secretary.



*\*Denotes board action item.*

#### Library Board

Adja Kaba, President | Jane Brissett, Vice President | Tim Dolan, Secretary | Lynn Stetler | Erin Vrieze Daniels | Michael Hogan | Gordy Aune, Jr | Kimberly Urig | Briana Eicheldinger | Amal Karim | Keegan Xavi

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ADJOURN

Erin Vrieze Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.; seconded by Tim Dolan.

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## Forms of Interest

### **Executive Committee**

- **President**
  - a. Jane Brissett
  
- **Vice President**
  - a. Jane Brissett
  - b. Jessica Kraft
  - c. Lynn Stetler
  
- **Secretary**
  - a. Lynn Stetler
  - b. Amal Karim

### **Budget Committee**

- **Chair**
  - a. Gordy Aune, Jr.
  
- **Members**
  - a. Brianna Eicheldinger
  - b. Ashly Krohn

### **Nominating Committee**

- **Chair**
  - a. Amal Karim
  
- **Members**
  - a. Brianna Eicheldinger
  - b. Gordy Aune, Jr.

### **Policy Committee**

- **Chair**
  - a. Jane Brissett
  
- **Members**
  - a. Gordy Aune, Jr.
  - b. Ashley Krohn

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### Form of Interest

Library Board Officer

**Date:** April 12, 2023

**Name:** Jane Brissett

**Positions of interest (more than one allowed):**

President

Vice-President

Secretary

None this year

**Year appointed to the Library Board:** 2020

**Position(s) held:** Policy committee chair, library board vice president, library board representative on Friends of Hennepin County Library board

**Please provide a brief statement of interest (enter N/A if not applying this year):**

*250 character limit*

I would like to continue serving as vice-president or be considered for the president's role. I'd prefer vice-president but I am willing to do either. I will draw on my experience on the HCL board and two other Minnesota library boards while aiming to help our libraries become even better.

Thank you.

Date: 4/9/23, 4/14/23 Revised

Name: Jessica Kraft

Form of Interest:

Library Board Committee:

- Vice President
- Budget Committee Member
- Policy Committee Member

Year Appointed: 2023

Positions Held: None on Library board, however I was previously chair and vice chair of the St. Louis Park planning commission so I understand the importance of leading and facilitating public meetings.

Brief Statement of Interest:

While I am still very new to the library board and learning my role, I am interested in getting involved as VP or serving on a committee. While, I may not have worked directly as a librarian, I am familiar with library operations and helping library staff/ leaders plan for the future and adjust to changing needs from my professional work with planning, programming, and designing libraries. I am excited about serving on the library board and I would bring this same passion to a leadership role or sub-committee. I have lots to offer in terms of sharing my ideas, asking questions, and helping to lead in whatever capacity I am asked. With any role, I feel it's important to not only meet current needs, but project towards the future, so that we can best serve the community and support library staff.

# Form of Interest

## Library Board Officer

**Date:** 17. April 2023

**Name:** Lynn Stetler

**Positions of interest (more than one allowed):**

President

Vice-President --X

Secretary -- X

None this year

**Year appointed to the Library Board:** 2021

**Position(s) held:** At-Large Member, Secretary

**Please provide a brief statement of interest (enter N/A if not applying this year):**

I would like to continue to serve on the Library Board Executive Committee and am asking the Nominating Committee to accept my nomination as Vice-President or Secretary as a revision to my last form of interest sent March 31, 2023.

My main interest is serving as the Vice-President for the coming year.

The Library Board has seen quite a bit of change because of the pandemic, the closing and reopening of buildings as well as the resignation of the Former Director. We also have seen a strong turnover in Board members. I feel that we need consistency on the Executive Board.

As part of the Executive Board, I enjoy planning and engaging with Library managers to discuss topics for upcoming agendas.

Since the beginning of my first term, I have regularly visited libraries throughout HCL, spoken to staff and patrons using the libraries as well as County Commissioners. I, along with Jane Brisset, represented the Library Board as members of the Strategic Planning and Community Engagement RFP Review Panel.

I am also willing to continue as Secretary. I enjoy being a recorder during meetings and working with the Library Board Clerk.

As a retired employee, I bring a unique and unusual perspective to the Library Board. My knowledge should translate to helping rebuild HCL as it continues to re-shape, add services, roll out the Strategic Plan and choose a new Director. Thank you for your consideration for either role.

*250 character limit*

## Form of Interest

### Library Board Officer

**Date:** May 3, 2023

**Name:** Amal Karim

**Positions of interest (more than one allowed):**

President

Vice-President

**Secretary (x)**

None this year

**Year appointed to the Library Board:** 2021

**Position(s) held:** Nominating Committee Chair

**Please provide a brief statement of interest (enter N/A if not applying this year):** *250 character limit*

I am self-nominating for the role of Secretary on the Executive Committee. Having served on the Library Board for two years, I feel as though I have a clear understanding of how the general meetings work and am eager to provide additional leadership as the Library moves into a critical time with the search for a new Director and the implementation of its new Strategic Plan. Finally, I have a positive working relationship with the Board Clerk, which seems essential given that the Secretary and Clerk work together closely for smooth record keeping.