

HENNEPIN COUNTY

LIBRARY BOARD

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August 12, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hosmer Library | Room L02 | 347 E 36th St | Minneapolis, MN 55408

Library Board Agenda

POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Attendance
-  3. Approval of Agenda*
-  4. Approval of April 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes*
5. Commissioned Public Art Policy
-  6. Adjourn*

 *Denotes board action item

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Hennepin County Library Board Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

The Hennepin County Library Board Policy Committee met on April 15, 2026, at the Franklin Library meeting room, 1314 E Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

Attendees

Committee Members Present: Ashley Krohn (Chair pro tem) Erin Brudvik, Amal Karim, Randy Klauk

Library Board Members Present: None.

Hennepin County Staff: Scott Duimstra, Lillian Albrecht, Tonya Depriest, JR Genett, Amy McNally

Call to Order

Chair pro tem Krohn called the Hennepin County Library Board Policy Committee Meeting of April 15, 2026, to order at 5:33 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Attendance of Library Board Members

Library Board Clerk Lillian Albrecht took the roll call. The Board met the quorum with 4 committee members present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Amal Karim

Second: Erin Brudvik

Motion passed.

Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Amal Karim

Second: Erin Brudvik

Motion passed.

Donation Policy

Attendees discussed the Donation Policy and how it supports staff's ability to utilize donated materials and funds. They incorporated staff suggestions to update the mission statement to a hyperlink and

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broaden the language regarding what is done with donated materials unsuitable for the collection. Library Administration will gather feedback on the expanded language from Friends of Hennepin County Library organization to share when the policy is reviewed by the full Board.

Fee Policy

Attendees discussed the Fee Policy and made edits using feedback from library staff and the Library Youth Advisory Committee. Edits include adding a reference to the mission, replacing specific numbers in the scope and application section with references to the fee page, and altering the process to closer align with other Library Board policies. The committee agreed to continue standardizing the procedure portion as they continue reviewing policies.

A motion was made to bring the updated Donation and Fee Policies to the full Board for review on May 20.

Motion: Erin Brudvik

Second: Amal Karim

Motion passed.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Motion: Amal Karim

Second: Randy Klauk

Motion passed.

Amal Karim, Secretary

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Library Board Policy Committee

August 12, 2026

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hosmer Library

Commissioned Public Art Policy

Background:

Commissioned Public Art is defined in State Statute as “works of art to be exhibited in areas of a building or its grounds accessible, on a regular basis, to members of the public”. The library expands that definition to include that it is designed for a specific library, reflects the local community, and is intended to support the library as a gathering place.

One example of commissioned public art is at Hosmer Library: <https://www.hclib.org/about/art/art-list-container/art-list/hs/seeding-the-stars> (Please do check this out in person before or after our meeting!). Commissioned public art can be found in almost every building in our system.

Brief History: This policy was adopted by the Library Board in 2001. We do not have specific information about why this policy was adopted; all staff who worked at HCL in administration are no longer with the organization. Current staff who were here in 2001 do not have knowledge of why this policy was adopted. The link that was found is the County Board Resolution, referenced in the policy, which states that one percent of project costs of library building projects of more than \$1 million is set aside for commissioned artwork.

This policy has been in place for 25 years and now the library is requesting that the Library Board consider rescinding this policy.

Engagement for this policy included:

- Director's Office
- Capital Projects and Operations
- Community Engagement
- Strategic Services
- County Attorney's Office

Library Administration

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What was learned during engagement:

- The stated purpose of this policy, written below, is outside of the Library Board's scope. The only action here within the Board's purview is the appointment of members to selection committees
 - "The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and direction for the selection of commissioned public art. One percent of project costs of library building projects of more than \$1 million is set aside for commissioned artwork. This policy is intended to provide a broad framework for decision making that does not unduly limit creative potential."
- This policy is not required by state statute or board resolution
- The State Statute listed in this policy is not relevant to HCL; it is specifically for state buildings
- Most of the content is appropriate for a Library Administrative Policy
- The role for the Library Board is to ensure there is a board member on the selection committee

Given this, it is recommended that the Library Board consider the following:

- Rescinding this policy
- Including the Art Selection Committee appointment to the Library Board Bylaws (due for review in November 2026)

Discussion

- After reviewing the Commissioned Public Art Policy and reading this background information, what stands out to you? What are your initial thoughts?
- What questions do you have about the policy?
- What implications does rescinding policy have?

What Next

- What further steps should be taken?
 - More information from staff?
 - Questions that require answers?
 - Ready for decision?

Commissioned Public Art

Hennepin County Library Board Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and direction for the selection of commissioned public art. One percent of project costs of library building projects of more than \$1 million is set aside for commissioned artwork. This policy is intended to provide a broad framework for decision making that does not unduly limit creative potential.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, public art is defined as an original work of commissioned art that is accessible to the public. It is designed for a specific library, reflects the local community, and is intended to support the library as a gathering place where all residents come to learn, grow, and spend time together.

Principles

- The State of Minnesota, Hennepin County, and the Hennepin County Library Board recognize that the presence of public art contributes to the life and vitality of our community.
- Public art in library buildings contributes to the library's mission to nourish minds, transform lives, and build community together. It helps to create a community identity and a place of contemplation and curiosity.
- Public art enhances the library experience; it creates positive public environments; reflects our legacy and expresses our diversity.
- Engaged participation by members of the community strengthens the art selection process and builds community excitement.

Scope

This policy applies to the acquisition of all public art that is commissioned for the Hennepin County Library. Commissioned public art is acquired through Hennepin County's "one percent for art" program in which library capital building projects of \$1 million or more have 1% of the project costs (defined herein as encompassing construction costs, architectural fees, and contingency) dedicated to the selection, purchase, and installation of works of public art.

Art Selection Committees

The Library Director, the Hennepin County Library Board President, and the Executive Director of the Friends of the Hennepin County Library will coordinate the formation of an Art Selection Committee for each capital building project. The Art Selection Committee will include members of the community and reflect its diversity.

The Library Board President will appoint a Library Board member to each Art Selection Committee. Appointees will be active participants in the commissioned art selection process and report progress to the full Library Board.

Selection Considerations

The following considerations will be used by the One Percent For Art Selection Committees to guide the evaluation and selection of commissioned art proposals. The extent to which the public art:

- Celebrates, explores and includes the diverse histories and cultures of the community
- Has broad and timeless appeal
- Represents artistic excellence and innovation
- Is designed for a publicly visible and accessible area
- Is safe, durable and able to withstand theft, vandalism and exposure to the environment
- Requires low maintenance

Roles and Responsibilities

- The Library Director (or designee) will maintain an administrative policy which details the composition, responsibilities, and authority of each Art Selection Committee.
- The Art Selection Committees will uphold the Principles and Selection Considerations outlined in this policy.
- Hennepin County directs the art installation by the artist.
- The Library Board will take formal action to acknowledge and receive the commissioned art, once it is installed.

Associated Resolutions and Laws

- Hennepin County Board Resolution No. 01-04-212
- Hennepin County Library Board. [Donation Policy](#).
- Library Administration. One Percent for Art Policy.
- Minnesota State Statute: [16B.35 ART IN STATE BUILDINGS](#)

Process

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee) every four years, or more frequently as needed. Recommendations are forwarded to a Library Board committee. The committee reviews and revises as necessary, endorses and advances to the full Library Board for approval.

Policy History

Next Review Date: 2026

Date Approved: 2022