

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Village Board Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Brassington called the regular meeting of the McFarland Village Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Kathy Annen, Village Trustee Ken Boyd, Village President Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Luke Fessler, Village Trustee Alisa Leamy, Village Trustee Miguel Peña, Village Trustee Lowell J. Prill

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Deputy Administrator/Clerk Cassandra Suettinger, Police Chief Brian Redman, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Public Works Director Lee Igl, Outreach Director Katie Gletty-Syoen, and Fire/EMS Director Chris Dennis.

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS.

a. Social Worker Month

Outreach Director Katie Gletty-Syoen read the Social Worker Month Proclamation into the record proclaiming March as Social Worker Month.

b. Women's History Month Proclamation - March

President Brassington read the proclamation proclaiming March as Women's History Month in the Village of McFarland.

c. Chamber Spring Candidate Meet & Greet — March 12, 2026 - 6 p.m.

The McFarland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a meet and greet with local candidates on the ballot for the Spring Election on March 12th beginning at 6 p.m. at the McFarland Municipal Center.

d. February Primary Results & Spring Election Information

Clerk Suettinger provided the February Primary Results and a look ahead to the Spring Election.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

a. All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be approved in one motion unless a Board member requests that the item be removed for individual discussion and action. Any item(s) removed for individual consideration shall be considered in the same order in which they were originally listed on the agenda under Business.

1) Motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting.

2) Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$9,341,998.94

3) Motion to approve appointing Kathy Krusiec to serve as an Election Inspector for the 2026-2027 term.

Motion by Village President Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Luke

Fessler, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. *This is an opportunity for attendees to provide public comment on matters that are not on the agenda. Attendees desiring to provide public comment on specific items on the agenda may do so at the time that agenda item is brought up. Zoom attendees wishing to speak should type their name, address, and the relevant agenda item in the Q&A feature within the online meeting platform. Zoom attendees may also register in support or opposition of an item through the Q&A feature. In person attendees should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your public comment. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Written comments will not be read into the record during the meeting but may be sent to village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us to be included with the agenda materials.*

None.

6. BUSINESS.

- a. *Interviews for Municipal Judge*
 - 1) *Candidate - Tristan F. Eagon*

The Village Board interviewed candidate Tristan F. Eagon.
 - 2) *Candidate - Ashley J. Richter*

The Village Board interviewed Ashley J. Richter.
 - 3) *Candidate - J. Alberto Quiroga*

The Village Board interviewed J. Alberto Quiroga.
- b. *Discussion and action on appointing a Municipal Judge to serve out the term ending April 30, 2028.*

Motion by Village President Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Luke Fessler, to approve appointing J. Alberto Quiroga as Municipal Judge to serve out the term ending April 30, 2028. Motion carries 6 - 1 - 0 on a roll call with Boyd voting nay.
- c. *Presentation by the McFarland Youth Center and discussion regarding their proposed 2026 Reorganization Plan.*

The McFarland Youth Center ad-hoc advisory committee presented their proposed 2026 reorganization.
- d. *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (Trustees Peña & Annen)*
 - 1) *Discussion and action regarding Resolution #2026-03: a resolution repudiating racial and discriminatory covenants in Dane County historic property records.*

Motion by Village Trustee Miguel Peña, second by Village Trustee Kathy Annen, to approve Resolution #2026-03: a resolution repudiating racial and discriminatory covenants in Dane County historic property records. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.
- e. *Finance Committee (Trustees Fessler, Brassington, & Annen)*

- 1) Discussion and action on Chapter 4 of the Village Fiscal Policy manual regarding Fund Balance including dissolution of Chapter 8 on interfund advances.

Motion by Village Trustee Luke Fessler, second by Village Trustee Lowell J. Prill, to approve Chapter 4 of the Village Fiscal Policy manual regarding Fund Balance including dissolution of Chapter 8 on interfund advances. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- f. Discussion and action regarding development of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Madison and Village of McFarland.

Motion by Village President Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Miguel Peña, to authorize Village Staff to begin the process to draft an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Madison and Village of McFarland subject to the amended boundary concepts included herein under the discretion of the Village Administrator. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30 pm - Joint Village Board & Sustainability and Natural Resource Meeting.
- b. Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm - Regular Village Board
- c. Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm - Regular Village Board

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Miguel Peña, second by Village Trustee Luke Fessler, to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Suettinger
Deputy Administrator/Clerk