

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/JULY 27,2022  
MINUTES**

Mr. Alexandre called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. with the following members present:

Mr. Denet Alexandre, Presiding  
Ms. Vivian Street, Vice President  
Ms. Joan Soskin, Secretary (zoom)  
Mr. James Johnson

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**Board and Administrative Personnel Present:**

Ms. Laura Wolven, Library Director (zoom)  
Ms. Beth Zambito, Assistant Library Director  
Mr. Andrew Koblick, Business Manager  
Ms. Leiah Levine

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**Others Present:**

Elizabeth Portillo, Staff (zoom)  
Parveen Rahmet, Staff (zoom)  
Lisa Allen, Union President  
Judy Joseph, Staff (zoom)  
Robert Rowe, Staff (zoom)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The **Oath of Office** was administered to newly elected Trustee, James Johnson on July 1, 2022 at the Library.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Ms. Street and carried **electing Denet Alexandre as President of the Board for the current fiscal year.**

The Board President called for nominations for Vice President.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried **electing Vivian Street as Vice President of the Board for the current fiscal year.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **retain Baldessari & Coster as the Library Auditor for the current fiscal year. The Board reserves the right to make changes as necessary.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **retain the series of Whitman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP (Robert T. Schofield), Albany, NY., and the ProBono Partnership.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried **appointing Rodrique Lustin as Treasurer for the current fiscal year.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried **appointing the Library Director, Business Manager and Library Clerk as authorized signatories for the Library's safe deposit box. The Board is requesting documentation pertaining to past assignment of signatories.**

A motion was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried **appointing the Library Director, Business Manager and Board Vice President authorized signatories to transfer funds within Library accounts.**

A motion was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried **authorizing all trustees to approve vouchers and claims for payment.**

A motion was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried **designating M&T Bank as depository of Library monies. The Board reserves the right to make changes as necessary.**

A motion was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Ms. Street and carried **setting the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30p.m.** Occasional changes will be made as needed.

A motion was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried **appointing Members of the Committees of the Board as follows:**

**Personnel Committee- All trustees  
Building and Grounds Committee- All trustees  
Budget and Finance- All trustees  
Out of Title- Vivian Street**

A motion was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried **designating Lohud (Rockland Journal News) and the Rockland County Times as the official newspapers of the library.**

A motion was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **adjourn the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees.**

**The annual organizational meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted.

  
Joan Soskin  
Secretary

(Notes taken by Leah Levine)

  
Denet Alexandre  
President, Board of Trustees