

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING/MAY 24, 2023**

The Public Hearing (hybrid) for the Library's 2023/2024 budget was called to order at 6:39p.m. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

In attendance:

Denet Alexandre, presiding; Vivian Street, Joan Soskin, James Johnson

Laura Wolven, Library Director; Beth Zambito, Assistant Library Director; Andrew Koblick, Business Manager(via zoom); Leah Levine, Library Clerk.

Susanne Daley, Union President
Staff Members: Kathleen Preston
Elizabeth Portillo
Robert Rowe
Laurie Needell
Parveen Rahmet
Chris Coleman
Judy Joseph

Mr. Alexandre gave a Power Point presentation outlining the library budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. He noted that the library has truly become the community living room, and continues to provide services the community needs. This year's proposal equals to about \$1.82 per person in the district, a total of \$248,937 over the previous year's levy. Ms. Daley questioned Professional Fees presented on the presentation. Ms. Needell commented on the increase in the tax cap based on inflation of books, healthcare etc. She presented a possible budget to go over the tax cap. Mr. Alexandre noted her comments and thanked both Ms. Daley and Ms. Needell for their concern. Mr. Hiram Rivera and Ms. Darnett E. Davis has submitted petitions to run as trustee for one 5-year term beginning July 1, 2023. Ms. Davis presented herself to the board, staff and patrons as a candidate for trustee.

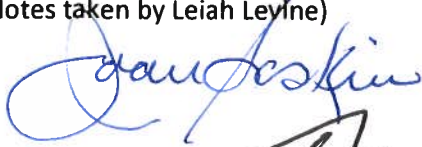
The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Joan Soskin

Secretary

(Notes taken by Leah Levine)



Denet Alexandre

President, Board of Trustees