

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/JUNE 20,2023
MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, June 20, 2023. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Mr. Alexandre called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Board and Administrative Personnel Present:

Ms. Laura Wolven, Library Director
Ms. Beth Zambito, Assistant Library Director
Mr. Andrew Koblick, Business Manager
Ms. Leah Levine, Library Clerk

Others Present via zoom:

Kathleen Preston, Staff
Elizabeth Portillo, Staff
Judy Joseph, Staff

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President's Report- Mr. Alexandre noted there was nothing special to report.

A motion was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **approve the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of May 24, 2023.**

A motion was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2023.**

A motion was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **approve the bill list for June 2023, with the contingent approval of inquiry from Schnell Contracting Limited, LLC for additional repairs in the amount of \$16,370.**

A motion was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried to **approve the Financial Reports for May 2023.**

Library Statistical Report- The statistical report for May 2023 will be filed with the minutes of the meeting.

Library Director's Report- See written report.

Union Representative Report: None

Public Comment: None

Correspondence Received: Ms. Wolven read a letter from a patron regarding library services. Mr. Alexandre read a letter from the editor from a local community paper regarding the Finkelstein Memorial Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election.

Unfinished Business:

1. Proposed Early Closure on Monday, July 3, 2023 was discussed and tabled.

New Business:

1. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **accept the results of the June 6, 2023 Budget Vote and Trustee Election**. Ms. Darnett E. Davis was not present at the meeting, but was congratulated regarding her election. Ms. Davis received 278 votes and Mr. Rivera received 171 votes. The Budget Vote results were discussed with 382 patrons who voted yes and 271 patrons who voted no.
2. A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried to **accept the tax levy of \$8,605,116.00 as approved by voters on June 6, 2023**.
3. Makerspace policy and procedures was discussed and tabled. The Board of Trustees agreed to follow the policies and procedures pending official approval.
4. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **approve the appointment of Tammy Feldman, Library Clerk Typist II, Circulation Department, effective June 20, 2023**.
5. A **motion** was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **approve the appointment of Arlene Centeno, Library Clerk-Typist I, Technical Services Department, effective May 29, 2023**.
6. The 2024 Library Calendar was tabled for review.

7. Salary increase for exempt personnel was discussed and tabled. Increases will be evaluation driven.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried to **move into executive session**

The board moved into executive session at 7:09 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Mr. Rivera and carried to **move out of executive session.**

The board moved out of executive session at 8:30p.m.

Personnel matters were discussed.

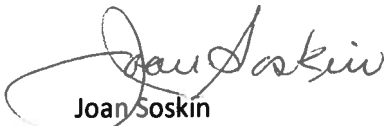
Legal matters were discussed.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **adjourn**

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted.



Joan Soskin
Secretary

(Notes taken by Leah Levine)



Denet Alexandre
President, Board of Trustees