

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - JULY 25, 2023**

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Mr. Alexandre called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the following members present:

Mr. Denet Alexandre, Presiding
Ms. Vivian Street, Vice President
Ms. Joan Soskin, Secretary
Mr. James Johnson
Ms. Darnett Davis

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:

Elizabeth Portillo, Staff (zoom)
Kathleen Preston, Staff (zoom)
Laurie Needell, Staff (zoom)
Parveen Rahmet, Staff (zoom)
Judy Joseph, Staff (zoom)
Robert Rowe, Staff (zoom)
S. Thomas, (zoom) Full name not provided
Brian Nugent, Attorney (zoom)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The **Oath of Office** was administered to Trustee Darnett Davis on July 7, 2023 at the Library.

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

The Board President called for nomination for Vice President.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Soskin 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 **electing Ms. Soskin the Secretary of the Board for the current fiscal year.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin 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 Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Street and carried to **retain the services of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP (Robert T. Schofield), Albany, NY., and the ProBono Partnership.** The Library will continue to look for a local attorney.

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

The Finkelstein Memorial Library By-Laws were discussed and will need to be reviewed.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried **appointing the Library Director and the Business Manager as the authorized signatories to transfer funds within Library accounts.** Mr. Alexandre and Ms. Street are also on the Library accounts.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried **appointing one (1) trustee per quarter for the signatures of vouchers greater than \$500.**

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

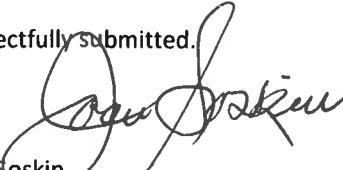
A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried **setting the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.** Occasional changes will be made as needed.

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

- Personnel Committee- All trustees
- Buildings and Grounds Committee- All trustees
- Budget and Finance- All trustees
- Out of Title Committee- Vivian Street
- Sick Bank Committee- Vivian Street, Joan Soskin
- Leave Without Pay Committee- 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.**

Organizational meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,


Joan Soskin
Secretary
(Notes taken by Leah Levine)


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President, Board of Trustees