

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/MARCH 20, 2024
MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Mr. Alexandre called the meeting to order at 6:40pm with the following members present:

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

Administrative Personnel Present:

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

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Others Present:

Susanne Daley, Union President
Lubna Faisal, Staff
Rafael Mirabal, Staff
Michael Esmay, Library Architect
Elizabeth Portillo, Staff (zoom)
Paul Gubernick, Staff (zoom)
Kathleen Preston, Staff (zoom)
Judy Lipstein, Staff (zoom)
Parveen Rahmet, Staff (zoom)
(5) ALL ZOOM, Patrons
Chris Coleman, Staff (zoom)
Jeffrey Liz, Staff (zoom)
Dipa Thakkar, Staff (zoom)
Laurie Needell, Staff (zoom)
Robert T. Schofield, Library Attorney (zoom)

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

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2024, with any corrections.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **approve the bill list for March 2024.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **approve the Financial Reports for February 2024.**

Library Statistical Report- January 2024 and February 2024 reports were presented.

Library Director's Report- Report was presented.

Union Representative Report- Ms. Susanne Daley, Union President inquired about the 2024 Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election presentation to Patrons.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence Received: Ms. Zambito presented an award certificate the Library Youth Services Department received from the Town of Ramapo.

New Business:

Rafael Mirabal, Superintendent of Buildings and Ground for the Library gave a presentation and report on the day-to-day operations of the department and different systems throughout the Library.

Michael Esmay, Architect, gave a report and blueprint of the construction plans for the new and existing buildings.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **move into executive session.**

The board moved into executive session for personnel and legal matters at 7:06 p.m.

Personnel and legal matters were discussed.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **move out of executive session.**

The board moved out of executive session at 7:17 p.m.

RESOLUTION

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **approve the Library Director to apply for the MidHudson Grant in the amount of 3.25 Million Dollars.** - See Resolution

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **approve the Library Director to apply for the Community Block Development Grants for ESL and Mobile Library due April 26, 2024.**
– See Resolution

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Street and carried to **approve the receipt of the Library Deed from the East Ramapo School District.** – See Resolution

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **approve the title search regarding the Library Deed.** – See resolution

A **motion** was made by Ms. Street, seconded by Ms. Davis and **carried to adjourn.**

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MAY 7, 2024 LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION, THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Respectfully submitted.

Joan Soskin
Secretary
(Notes taken by Leiah Levine)

Denet Alexandre
President, Board of Trustees