

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PUBLIC HEARING/APRIL 23, 2025**

The Public Hearing (hybrid) for the Library's 2025/2026 budget was called to order at 6:35p.m. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

**Members Present:**

Darnett Davis, Acting President; Sandra Duncan, James Johnson, Joan Soskin, Esther Waldman

**Administrators Present:**

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

**Others Present via Zoom:**

Susanne Daley, Union President, Kathleen Preston (staff), Chris Coleman (staff), Parveen Rahmet (staff), Judy Joseph (staff), Laurie Needell (staff), Ana Cabrera (staff), Juanita Greene (staff), Elizabeth Portillo (staff), Sahn Siongco (staff), TW (name not provided).

**Others Present:**

Mr. Mendy Glick, Ms. Goldie Golding, Ms. Sharon McIntyre, Ms. Kusar Asghar, Mr. Arthur Rubinstein, Mr. Yaakov Prupas, Mr. Meir Golding.

Ms. Davis opened the Public Hearing meeting thanking Mr. Denet Alexandre for his many years of service on the Board of Trustees for the Finkelstein Memorial Library, and announced his resignation. Ms. Davis gave a brief introduction to the proposed Library budget of a 5.9% Tax Levy, which is \$17.00 per Household and a \$10,213,846 proposed budget. Ms. Davis then transferred the presentation to Mr. Koblick. Mr. Koblick then gave a Power Point presentation outlining the Library budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. The Library is looking to expand services and the book budget, bi-annual newsletter, and bringing back the Country Fair. The Library is also in search for a branch location to help better serve Library Patrons. Ms. Waldman has submitted a petition for re-election as trustee for up to a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and gave a biography presentation to staff and patrons. Ms. Sharon McIntyre, Ms. Goldie Golding, Mr. Arthur Rubinstein, Ms. Kusar Asghar, and Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld have submitted petitions to run as trustees for up to a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2025. Ms. Sharon McIntyre, Ms. Goldie Golding, Mr. Arthur Rubinstein, Ms. Kusar Asghar presented themselves to the board, staff and patrons as candidates for trustee positions.

Respectfully submitted.



Darnett Davis  
Acting President, Board of Trustees  
(Notes taken by Leah Levine)