

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/FEBRUARY 26, 2025
MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Mr. Alexandre called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following members present:

Mr. Denet Alexandre, Presiding
Ms. Darnett Davis, Vice President (absent)
Ms. Esther Waldman (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
Ms. Joan Soskin
Mr. James Johnson
Ms. Sandra Duncan

Administrative Personnel Present:

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

Others Present:

Laurie Needell, Union Vice President (zoom)
Elizabeth Portillo, Staff (zoom)
Judy Joseph, Staff (zoom)
Kathleen Preston, Staff (zoom)
Robert Rowe, Staff (zoom)
Lori Salotto, patron (zoom)
Elizabeth (last name not provided), patron (zoom)
Vivian Street, patron (zoom)
Tahirah Powell, patron

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **approve the agenda for February 26, 2025.**

President's Report- None

A **motion** was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Ms. Duncan to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2025 with any corrections.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Duncan and carried to **approve the bill list presented for January 2025.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to **approve purchase of the Demolition Policy in the amount of \$28,000.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Duncan and carried to **approve the proposed Library Budget for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$10,213,846.00, 5.9% of the prior year's tax levy.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Duncan and carried to **approve the transfer of \$1 Million from the Library NYLAF (New York Liquid asset fund) to the General Fund as close to the payroll date of March 28, 2025 as possible.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Duncan and carried to **approve the Financial Report.**

Library Statistical Report- The statistical report for January 2025 will be filed with the minutes of the meeting.

Library Director's Report- The report was presented.

Union Representative Report- Ms. Laurie Needell, Union Vice President, thanked Ms. Wolven, Library Director, and Andrew Koblick, Business manager for the proposed Library budget for 2025-2026 and requested a copy of the proposition.

Public Comment- None

Correspondence Received- None

New Business:

The approval for the 2024 RCLS Annual Report was discussed and tabled until further review.

The Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form was presented and signed by all Trustees present.

The Library Bill of Rights was presented and discussed.

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

The board moved into executive session at 7:59 p.m.

Legal and Personnel Matters were discussed.

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

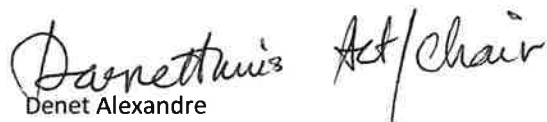
The board moved out of executive session at 8:56 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Duncan and carried to **adjourn.**

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025.

Respectfully submitted.


Denet Alexandre

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