

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JULY 23, 2025**

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Ms. Darnett Davis, Acting President called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Esther Waldman, Ms. Joan Soskin, Mr. James Johnson, Ms. Goldie Golding, Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld, Mr. Yossi Rubinstein (joined via zoom, then attended meeting at 7:50 p.m.)

**Administrative Personnel Present:**

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

**Others Present via zoom:**

Mr. Mendy Glick, Library Treasurer (In Person), Susanne Daley, Union President, Elizabeth Portillo (Staff), Kathleen Preston (Staff), Judy Joseph (Staff), Parveen Rahmet (Staff), Chris Coleman (Staff), Elizabeth Marcus (Staff), mom's iphone (Full name not provided), TW (Full name not provided), Chani R (Full name not provided)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The **Oath of Office** was administered to Trustee Esther Waldman, Goldie Golding and Yossi Rubinstein on July 7, 2025, and Yehudis Gottesfeld on July 22, 2025 at the Library.

The **Oath of Office** was administered to Library Director Laura Wolven, and Clerk to The Board of Trustees Leah Levine on July 7, 2025 at the Library.

Nomination for President of the Board: A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried by (6) write-in votes **electing Darnett Davis as President of the Board for the 2025/2026 current fiscal year.**

Nomination for Vice President of the Board: A **motion** was made by Ms. Golding, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried by five (5) write-in votes **electing Esther Waldman as Vice President of the Board for the 2025/2026 current fiscal year.**

Nomination for Secretary of the Board: A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Golding and carried by five (5) write-in votes **electing Yehudis Gottesfeld as Secretary of the Board for the 2025/2026 current fiscal year.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Golding and carried to **appoint Mr. Mendy Glick as the Library Treasurer for the 2025/2026 current fiscal year.** *Mr. Glick was administered the Oath of Office.*

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Waldman and carried to **retain Baldessari & Coster as the Library Auditor for the current fiscal year.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Waldman and carried to **retain the services of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP (Robert T. Schofield), Albany, NY., and the ProBono Partnership.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **inquire into other options of more responsive Attorneys.** *The Board would like this request to be presented at the next meeting.*

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried **appointing the Board President, Library Treasurer and Business Manager as the authorized signatories to transfer funds within Library accounts.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Golding, seconded by Ms. Waldman and carried **appointing the Finance Committee to review checks greater than \$500.00. The Board President and the Library Treasurer will sign checks greater than \$10,000.00.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried **designating M&T Bank and New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS) as depository of Library monies.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried **setting the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Unless there is a conflict, then the date will be adjusted.**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Soskin and carried to **approve the Committees of the Board.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **establish the Committees as follows:**

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Esther Waldman, Chairperson; Yossi Rubinstein, and James Johnson.

**Personnel Committee:** Darnett Davis, Chairperson; Goldie Golding, and Joan Soskin.

**Advocacy and Fundraising Committee:** Yehudis Gottesfeld, Chairperson; James Johnson, and Joan Soskin.

**By-Laws and Policy Committee:** Esther Waldman, Chairperson; Darnett Davis, and Yossi Rubinstein.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Joan Soskin, Chairperson; Goldie Golding, and Esther Waldman.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Yossi Rubinstein, Chairperson; James Johnson, and Darnett Davis.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **re-approve Library Policies including Personnel Policy, Financial Policy, Confidentiality Policy, and the Conflict of Interest Policy as they currently stand with the ability to update throughout the year.** *These policies were distributed to Board Members, and acknowledgment of receipt and required signature will be filed.*

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried **designating Lohud (Rockland Journal News) and the Rockland County Times as the official newspapers of the Library.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried **designating the Rockland County Time as an additional newspaper of the Library.**

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

**The Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted.



Leiah Levine  
Clerk to The Board of Trustees



Darnett Davis  
Board President