

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/DECEMBER 10, 2025
MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Ms. Darnett Davis, President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:
Ms. Esther Waldman, Vice President, Mr. James Johnson, Ms. Joan Soskin(zoom at 6:31 p.m), Ms. Goldie Golding,
Mr. Yossi Rubinstein (arrived at 6:31 p.m.)

Board Members absent:

Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld

Administrative Personnel:

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

Others Present via zoom:

Susanne Daley, Union President, Kathleen Preston (staff), Jeff Liz (staff), Elizabeth Marcus (staff), Judy Joseph (staff), Parveen Rahmet (staff), Marc (last name not provided), momsipad (name not provided), Stephanie Cole Adams (Library Attorney), Yachi (last name not provided).

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Ms. Davis wished everyone a happy holiday, and also gave birthday wishes to board members who celebrate December.

Before the agenda was approved, Ms. Cole inquired about bylaw changes that were not on the agenda. Memos sent to the Board from the Attorney, along with clarity about who can give the attorney instructions moving forward, was discussed.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Golding and carried to **approve the Agenda with changes.**

President's Report- A report was presented by Ms. Davis.

Ms. Davis requested a Special Meeting for January 7, 2026.

The minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting have been tabled.

A motion was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Golding and carried to **approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 3, 2025.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Golding to **approve the December 10, 2025 bill list with the exception of check run 731 to be discussed in executive session.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman , seconded by Ms. Davis and carried **to approve two checks to the Village of Spring Valley zoning board, in the amount of \$750.00 for the application and \$3,500 for the escrow that will be in the capital projects for the continuous construction.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried to **approve the transfer of \$1 million dollars from NYCLASS to the M&T bank account to as close to the date as needed.**

November 2025 Payroll Journals were tabled.

Financial Statement for November 2025 will be presented at the Special Meeting of January 7, 2026.

Treasurer Report- No report presented due to the absence of the treasurer.

Library Statistical Report- No report was presented for the month of November 2025.

Library Director's Report- The report was presented. *Ms. Davis commented on NYLA (New York Library Association), the Library Staff Holiday Party, and Makerspace issues.*

Union Representative Report- Ms. Daley thanked Administration for the Staff Holiday Party.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence Received: None

Committee Report:

Budget and Finance: Esther Waldman, Vice President, Chair: Report was tabled to next meeting.

Personnel: Darnett Davis, President, Chair: None

Advocacy and Fundraising: Yehudis Gottesfeld, Secretary, Chair: None

By-Laws and Policy: Esther Waldman, Vice President, Chair: None

Strategic Planning: Joan Soskin, Chair: None

Buildings and Grounds: Yossi Rubinstein, Chair: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Approval of paperless monthly board packets was tabled.
2. By-Laws were tabled.
3. Library Surveys were tabled.

New Business was tabled.

1. Appointment of Maribeth Durivage, Library Assistant, Adult Services Department, effective Monday, November 24, 2025.
2. Appointment of Isabelle Molle, new title and position to Librarian I, Youth Services Department, effective Monday, November 24, 2025.

3. Approval of Makerspace window.
4. Approval of the FML Personnel Policy manual
5. Approve to fill a Library Assistant (French/Creole Speaking) position in the Youth Services Department.

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

The board moved into executive session at 7:52 p.m.

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

The board moved out of executive session at 9:04 p.m.

Personnel and Legal matters were discussed.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Johnson to **approve check run 731 passed with 4 in favor**. Ms. Waldman and Mr. Rubinstein abstained.

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

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted.

Yehudis Gottesfeld
Secretary
(Notes taken by Leah Levine, Clerk to the Board of Trustees)

Darnett Davis
Board President