

President's Report
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 29, 2026

Members of the Board of Trustees,

Good evening, and welcome to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Finkelstein Memorial Library.

I extend a warm welcome to our committed staff and distinguished guests, including our Attorney Ms. Stephanie Cole Adams and the Executive Director of RCLS, Grace Riario. Your presence and continued support are sincerely appreciated. Welcome, so good to have you all.

The library continues to expand its services and strengthen its role within the community. We are pleased to be included in the ongoing initiatives that support this growth. In addition, the Board of Trustees remains committed to encouraging community participation in the upcoming election.

The month of April is a particularly significant time as we prepare for the Budget Vote and Trustee Election. I would like to commend this Board for approving a 4.5% tax levy. At present, one Trustee seat is vacant, previously held by Trustee Joan Soskin. Eight candidate petitions were submitted, and four candidates will move forward in the election process.

Furthermore, pursuant to the library's charter, the Board has voted and confirmed, by majority resolution, the continuation of our appointed Trustee to fill the vacancy created by the departure of former Trustee Goldie Golding.

I would also like to acknowledge the resignation of our Board Secretary. We thank her for her services and contributions to the Board. In light of this vacancy, the Board will need to identify and appoint an interim Secretary to ensure continuity in fulfilling the responsibilities of the role

until a permanent appointment is made. I am asking the Board to appoint a parliamentarian to oversee this upcoming election and to oversee the counting and inspection of each ballot.

I look forward to a successful election and to strong community engagement. It is my hope that our community will participate fully by supporting the library's budget and electing a Trustee who values collaboration, teamwork and respect for collective authority.

It is an honor to serve as President of this Board. I remain fully committed to advancing our mission of stewardship and service to the community and building an effective relationship with each of you in pursuit of our shared goals.

Thank you for your continued dedication and for speaking with a unified voice.

Respectfully submitted,

Darnett Davis

President, Board of Trustees

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