

FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING/APRIL 29, 2026
UNOFFICIAL DRAFTED MINUTES

The Public Hearing (hybrid) for the Library's 2026/2027 budget was called to order at 6:35p.m. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Members Present:

Ms. Darnett Davis, President, Ms. Esther Waldman, Vice President, Mr. Yossi Rubinstein, Mr. James Johnson (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Ms. Joan Soskin, Ms. Oluwaseyi Banjo, and Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld (arrived at 6:47 p.m.)

Administrators Present:

Laura Wolven, Library Director; Beth Zambito, Assistant Library Director ; Andrew Koblick, Business Manager; Leiah Levine, Library Clerk.

Others Present via Zoom:

44 zoom members were present

Others Present in person:

Mendy Glick, Library Treasurer (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Marie Antoine (running candidate), Moshe Dear (running candidate), Grace Riario (Executive Director of the Ramapo Catskill Library System), John Ninivaggi (staff), Emil Loiseau (staff), Steven Rousseau (staff), Chaim Reisels (patron), Yisroel Rose (patron), Abraham Weiss (patron), Joseph Knopfler (patron).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Davis delivered a welcome and acknowledgment opening to the presentation. Ms. Davis gave a brief introduction to the proposed Library budget of a 4.5% Tax Levy, of a \$9,831,722 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 2026/2027 fiscal year. . Ms. Soskin has submitted a petition for re-election as trustee for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and gave a brief biographical presentation to staff and patrons. Mr. Moshe Dear, Ms. Marie Antoine, and Mr. Ariel Dahan, have submitted petitions to run as trustees for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Ms. Marie Antoine and Mr. Moshe Dear presented themselves to the board, and gave a brief biographical presentation to staff and patrons as candidates for trustee positions.

Respectfully submitted.

Leiah Levine
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Darnett Davis
Board President