

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/MAY 13, 2026
MINUTES**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Darnett Davis, President called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. with the following members present:

Ms. Esther Waldman, Vice President, Mr. Yossi Rubinstein, Ms. Oluwaseyi Banjo, Ms. Joan Soskin

Board Members excused:

Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld, Mr. James Johnson

Administrative Personnel:

Ms. Laura Wolven, Library Director, Mr. Andrew Koblick, Business Manager

Present:

John Ninivaggi, Security Staff

A **motion** was made by Ms. Soskin, seconded by Mr. Rubinstein and carried unanimously to **approve the agenda**.

Ms. Davis announced the result of the Library Trustee Election, electing Ariel Dahan as the new Trustee of the Board, and thanking Ms. Soskin for her services.

RESOLUTIONS:


A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Mr. Rubinsten and carried to **approve the resolution, whereas on May 12th, 2026, the vote for the 4.5% tax increase was voted down with 519 votes no and 317 votes yes, and whereas the Board of Trustees and the Finkelstein Memorial Library respects the voice of the public. Be it resolved that the Library will not hold a revote, and will keep the tax levy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year in the amount of \$9,480,346.00, the same rate as the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Be it further resolved that the Finance Committee and the whole Board of Trustees will work with the Director to create a new budget based on the no increase tax levy amount, and decisions for proposed budget cuts to decrease spending will be made in conjunction with the Board and with Board approval.** The motion passed 4 yes, 1 no. Ms. Soskin voted no.— See Resolution.

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

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Leiah Levine (via video recording)
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barnett Davis', written in a cursive style.

Barnett Davis
Board President