

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/MAY 12, 2026
MINUTES**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in-person on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Darnett Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m. with the following members present: Ms. Esther Waldman, Vice President, Ms. Joan Soskin, Mr. Yossi Rubinstein, Mr. James Johnson, and Ms. Oluwaseyi Banjo (trustee as of March 17, 2026)

Board Members excused:

Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld

Administrative Personnel:

Ms. Laura Wolven, Library Director

Others Present:

Baruch Schwartz, Chaim (full name not provided)

Others Present via Zoom:

Nathan Feist, Paralegal from the office of Stephanie Cole Adams

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Mr. Rubenstein, and carried to **have the Library Director contact the attorney to clarify why the filer of the FOIL must recuse themselves from the vote, but the trustee whose term was in question was allowed to cast the deciding vote and request the answer before the next board meeting.** 4 Yes votes, and 2 No vote. Ms. Davis and Ms. Banjo voted no.

Ms. Waldman recused herself.

Ms. Davis read a FOIL submitted to the library, the appeal, and related documents. Ms. Davis read the resolution to deny the appeal on the grounds that the library was still working on the original FOIL and expected to provide an answer by June 9. Mr. Rubenstein requested to fix the date on the resolution to read May 12.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried to **pass the resolution denying the appeal.** Mr. Rubenstein voted no.

Darnett Davis, President	VOTING Yes
James Johnson	VOTING Yes
Joan Soskin	VOTING Yes
Yossi Rubinstein	VOTING No
Oluwaseyi Banjo	VOTING Yes

Motion carries with 4 votes Yes, 1 vote No.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to **adjourn the special meeting**.

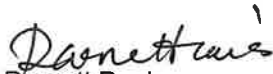
The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next regular board meeting at the library will be held on Wednesday May 27, 2025 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted.



Laura Wolven
Director



Darnett Davis
Board President