

**FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/JUNE 5, 2026**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, June 5, 2026. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Darnett Davis, President called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. with the following members present by roll call: Ms. Esther Waldman, Vice President, Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Yossi Rubinstein (zoom), Ms. Oluwasey Banjo (arrived on zoom after the meeting was called to order).

Board Members Excused: Ms. Joan Soskin

Board Members not excused: None

Administrative Personnel:

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

Others Present in person:

Staff Memebers: Orion Morgan, Rosario Melendez, Ashley Leiva, Robert Rowe, Michelle Gutierrez, Abigail Toral, Anthony Schmarge, Maria Torres, Terrence Dyer, Stephen Coopersmith, Maura Curran, Devorah Sterzer, Elizabeth Portillo, Maddelyn Curbelo, Susanne Daley, Roseline Willis, Parveen Rahmet, Sahn Siongco, Dipa Thakkar, Denis Sutton, Laurie Needell, Elizabeth Marcus, Lubna Faisal, Mudassir Ahmed, Andrea Jones, Juliana Anderson, Elyse Stoller, John Ninivaggi, Aviva Rosenberg, Alexandra Burckardt, Nicole Schmarge, Ana Cabrera, Maribeth Durivage, Kyle Craig, Juanita Greene, Judy Joseph, Marc Bromberg, Ameliese Lafuente.

Others Present via zoom:

Stephanie Cole Adams (Library Attorney), Nathan Feist, Paralegal, Kathleen Ipad.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval and/ or modification of the agenda was made:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to **move executive towards the end of the agenda due to the amount of in person attendance.**

Ms. Wolven suggested adding the VDI licenses to unfinished business.

Reports for updates on items requested in prior meetings was discussed:

- a. The March 2026 bill list signatures confirmed.
- b. Sunday statistics were discussed and Ms. Wolven produced documents for the meeting.
- c. Personnel Committee met with Union representatives on 4/29/26 by request, and there was a discussion.
- d. Director, President, Clerk- Diligent workshop will be Tuesday, June 9, 2026, and Ms. Wolven will update the board at the next meeting.
- e. Ad hoc Committee regarding the Whitman, Osterman & Hannah LLP legal bill from the 5/27/26 meeting is still in progress.
- f. Finance Committee discussed an updated version of the January 2, 2026 payroll journal, and updates on different errors found and corrected.
- g. Finance Committee discussed the fiscal controls template sent by Ms. Cole Adam that, will be reviewed once the budget is settled.

Unfinished Business:

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to **not approve the 3rd floor wall as of now.** *The Library is working with tight budgets, and does not need to take on new projects.*

A motion was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to not approve the Maker Space windows at this time until the budget is settled.

A Resolution for the Retirement Incentive was suggested by Ms. Cole Adams.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously to; **Be it Resolved that the board will move forward with the steps to consider implementing the Retirement Incentive.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously to **approve the Procurement Policy draft sent by Ms. Cole Adams with the knowledge that it will likely change in a couple of months.**

The Tablets for the board was discussed and distributed to board members present.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Gottesfeld, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously to **approve the second payment for VDI, and if the Library can look into finding a service that combines the two (desktop and server licenses), so ideally the bill can be cheaper.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to **enter executive session to discuss personnel matters.**

The Board moved into executive session at 11:20 a.m. for “the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person leading to their removal, suspension, dismissal, demotion, promotion, or appointment.”

The Clerk to the board was removed during this session. Motions and time confirmed by Ms. Waldman.

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

The board moved out of executive session at 11:33 a.m.

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

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Confirmed by Ms. Waldman.

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026.

Respectfully submitted.

Minutes taken by Leah Levine: Minutes reviewed and prepared by Oluwasey Banjo, Secretary of the Board

Darnett Davis
Board President