FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/JUNE 24, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. The meeting was recorded in accordance with law.

Board Members Present:
Ms. Darnett Davis, President called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the following members present by roll call: Mr. James Johnson, Ms. Esther Waldman, Vice President, Ms. Oluwasey Banjo, Ms. Joan Soskin, Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), and Mr. Yossi Rubinstein (arrived at 6:37 p.m.) .

Board Members Excused: None
Board Members not excused: None

Administrative Personnel:
Ms. Laura Wolven, Library Director, Ms. Beth Zambito, Assistant Director, Mr. Andrew Koblick, Business Manager, Ms. Leiah Levine, Library Clerk.

Others Present in person:
Jeffrey Liz, staff.
Mendy Glick, Library Treasurer (zoom, and then arrived in person at 6:51 p.m.)

Others Present via zoom:
Stephanie Cole Adams (Library Attorney), Abigail Toral (staff), Cesar Vasquez (staff), Judy Joseph (staff), Kathleen Preston (staff), Susan Daley (Union President), Robert Rowe (staff), Parveen Rahmet (staff), Michelle Gutierrez (staff), Dipa Thakkar (staff), Juliana Anderson (staff), Elizabeth Marcus (staff), Shirley Mills (staff), Nathalie Jean Paul (staff), Orion Morgan (staff), Arlene (last name not provided), Dan Ameruoso (staff), Laurie Needell (staff), D (name not provided), P (name not provided), moms iphone (name not provided).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Mr. Rubinstein and carried unanimously to **approve the modifications of the agenda to add a presentation by Ms. Davis recognizing Ms. Soskin's last board meeting and her hard work and contribution to the Library.**

Ms. Soskin was presented a clock for her outstanding contributions to the Library on behalf of the board of trustees.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to **have a version of the May 27, 2026 minutes be created to have resolutions and necessary information, including topics that were discussed by the next board meeting.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously to **approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 5, 2026.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously to **approve the bill list for June 24, 2026 that was received in the board packet.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman , seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to **hold the Corporate Business bill for Sky Packets until the Finance Committee can discuss it and review it.**

A motion was made by Ms. Gottesfeld, seconded by Mr. Rubinestein and carried unanimously to **approve the June 2026 miscellaneous bill run without the approval the Corporate Business bill.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to **approve the Payroll Journals for January 2, 2026, June 5, 2026 and June 18, 2026 (recorded as process date of June 16, 2026).**

A motion was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously to **approve the Financial Statement for April 2026 with clarification on budget transfers. Not just transfers, but within particular budget lines.**

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Rubinestein and carried unanimously to **move the next regular board meeting scheduled for July 15, 2026 to July 29, 2026.**

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Glick thanked Mr. Koblick for helping with the bank reconciliation, and that things are moving along.

Library Statistical Report: The May 2026 report was presented.

President's Report: The report was sent out to the board.

Library Director's Report: Report was presented. AI policy was discussed.

Union Report:
Ms. Daley clarified Ms. Wildman's question about staff present during the Special Meeting of June 5, 2026. Staff attending the meeting were on their 15-minute break. Ms. Daley commented she was glad to see the approval of the budget on the agenda, commented on schedule changes, and the Administrative Assistant for Administration was discussed.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence Received: Ms. Davis confirmed during the graduation at the Kidsnett Child Care program, recognition was presented to the Finkelstein Memorial Library and will be presented at a later date. Ms. Waldman forwarded correspondence to the Director and Board President from a company that has access to publishers and would like to work for the Library. Ms. Waldman proceeded to read the correspondence. Ms. Waldman also informed the board she was visited by a patron seeking to speak with Ms. Soskin, and raised concerns regarding elderly people in the community.

Committee Report:

Budget and Finance: Esther Waldman, Vice President, Chair:

A motion was made by the Finance Committee, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to have the President, Director, and Clerk to the Board look into a program called diligent to find out what it does and to look into other programs that may be cheaper.

A motion was made by the Finance Committee, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to approve the treasurer to reconcile all accounts separately.

Personnel: Darnett Davis, President, Chair: None

Advocacy and Fundraising: Yehudis Gottesfeld, Chair: None.

By-Laws and Policy: Esther Waldman, Vice President, Chair: Tabled

Buildings and Grounds: Yossi Rubinstein, Chair: None

Ad Hoc Committee: Yehudis Gottesfeld, Yosi Rubinstein, Oluwaseiy Banjo: Regarding the Whittman, Osterman and Hannah bill.

Budget cuts were discussed.

A motion was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to revoke the resolution to put forth June of 2025 to automatically give exempt staff raises in accordance with the union contract.

A motion was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Mr. Rubinstein and carried unanimously to change the agenda and move into executive session for the purposes of getting legal advice and discussing personnel matters.

The Board moved into executive session at 8:42 p.m.

Clerk to the Board was removed from this session, minutes not recorded for motion to come out of executive session and action motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Waldman, seconded by Ms. Gottesfeld and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. (confirmed by video recording)

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. (confirmed by video recording)

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026.

Respectfully submitted.

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

Darnett Davis
Board President