FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/APRIL 21, 2026
MINUTES

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held both in person and by video conference on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Board Members Present:
Ms. Darnett Davis, President called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the following members present:
Ms. Esther Waldman, Vice President, Mr. James Johnson, Ms. Oluwaseyi Banjo, Ms. Joan Soskin, Ms. Yehudis Gottesfeld (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)
Board Members Excused:
Mr. Yossi Rubinstein

Administrative Personnel:
Ms. Laura Wolven, Library Director, Ms. Beth Zambito, Assistant Library Director.

Others Present via zoom:
Ms. Stephanie A. Cole Adams, Library Attorney, Mr. Nathan Feist, Paralegal.

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

Resolution one, passed at the Special Board Meeting on April 20, 2026, was discussed. The Clerk to the Board is complying with the directive.

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the board directs the Library Clerk to prepare a spreadsheet of the following information: the candidates name, address, age, date and time of submission, manner of receipt, number of qualifying signatures, and if the person is a duly nominated candidate, after which the Library Clerk shall follow the procedure for the generation of ballots.

Resolution 2 and 3 were presented- See Resolution

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Library Board having learned that the Library's Charter provides that replacement trustees are appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term, the Board shall follow the Charter, and Trustee Oluwaseyi Banjo will complete the unexpired term previously occupied by Goldie Golding until the expiration of that term which shall be June 30, 2030.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the board gratefully acknowledges trustee Oluwaseyi Banjo's acceptance of her term ending June 30, 2026, as intended at the time of her appointment.

Ms. Banjo has accepted the term ending June 30, 2030, as represented by the second resolution.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Davis to **approve the second resolution, confirming that Ms. Oluwaseyi Banjo will serve until June 30, 2030 and was duly put to a vote on roll call, results of which are as follows:**

Darnett Davis, President	VOTING Yes
Yehudis Gottefeld	VOTING No
Esther Waldman	VOTING No
James Johnson	VOTING Yes
Joan Soskin	VOTING Yes
Oluwaseyi Banjo	VOTING Yes

Motion carries with 4 votes Yes, 2 votes No.

The questions about procedures were addressed. The Library will draw lots to determine location of the remaining candidates on the ballot.

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

The meeting of the board of trustees was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026, FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Wolven
Director
(Notes edited by Leiah Levine Clerk to the Board of Trustees)

Darnett Davis
Board President