

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2015
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: LaRuth Gray, Josh Greenberg, Milan Hughston, Norman Jacknis, Jim Neal, Patricia Skarulis (phone), Bonnie Tijerina (phone), Kelvin Watson (phone), Louis Zacharilla (phone)

Not Present: Mary Lee Kennedy, Betty Rosa

Staff: Nate Hill

Norman Jacknis brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:03 p.m.

Jacknis moved to accept the board minutes from the February 17, 2015 board meeting, seconded by Patricia Skarulis. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Jacknis thanked the board for the process of selecting the Executive Director, and noted that the State Librarian sent an official letter approving the ED appointment.

The meeting began with a motion from Jacknis to vote Jim Neal as Treasurer of the board. Unanimously, the board voted Neal as Treasurer.

Neal provided an update on METRO's finances, starting with the FY 2014-2015 Income & Expense Statement. Neal clarified the first three columns of the report and noted a miscalculation in Total Funds for Special Project – ESDN. An adjusted report was later sent from the Controller. Next, Neal turned attention to the Statement of Financial Position, highlighting the net assets and investment funds. Neal suggested the board obtains monthly financial reports from METRO's investment firm, or request an investment advisor from the firm to present at a future board meeting. Neal mentioned approximately \$25,000 was spent on METRO's 2015 annual conference; staying close to what was budgeted. METRO's overall finances are in great health.

Executive Director's Report:

Nate Hill gave a brief presentation, laying out priorities and agenda; connecting to membership; visibility; other areas and opportunities where METRO can and should be involved.

Staff presentations and updates were given by Laura Forshay, Professional Development Manager; Tom Nielsen, Member Services Manager; Davis Anderson, Community Engagement Manager; and Kerri Willette, Empire State Digital Network Manager. All presentations are archived here: <http://bit.ly/staffpresentations>.

Jacknis noted all minutes should be posted on METRO's site.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015, 3-5 p.m. at METRO.