

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, November 12, 2021
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron (video), Stephen Bury (video), Donna Gibson (video), Josh Greenberg (video), Nicholas Higgins (video), Brian Kenney (video), Shannon Mattern (video), Jim Neal (video), Kameelah Rasheed (video)

Not Present: Greta Byrum, Melissa Jacobs, Caryl Matute, Leah Meisterlin

Staff: Nate Hill (video)

Shannon Mattern brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:02 p.m.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 09/24/2021 board meeting. Moved by Jim Neal and seconded by Stephen Bury, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update:

Mattern highlighted some of the projects that board members are currently working on: Kameelah Rasheed has a few shows up; Leah Meisterlin's work on Mapping Historical New York: A Digital Atlas; Greta Byrum's is the new Co-Program Director of the Just Tech project at the Social Science Research Council.

Board Actions:

Nate Hill gave a brief intro about prospective new board member, H. Austin Booth. Mattern motioned to induct H. Austin Booth onto METRO's Board of Trustees, subject to the annual vote of the membership. Moved by Brian Kenney and seconded by Josh Greenberg, the board voted unanimously to induct H. Austin Booth onto METRO's Board of Trustees.

As Greenberg transitions off of METRO's board, Bury has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. Mattern motioned to instate Bury as Treasurer. Moved by Jim Neal and seconded by Donna Gibson, the board voted unanimously to instate Bury as Treasurer of the Board.

Executive Director's Report:

- Possible physical space for METRO in the future
- Bringing back the annual board dinner
- ARPA
 - METRO-led projects in the Digital Inclusion Category
 - Digital Equity Resource Repository
 - Citywide Learning Management System: planning grant
 - Decentralized technologies and Digital Equity program series
 - Community Engagement Specialist Role
 - Net Inclusion Travel
 - Translation of assets in NYC Digital Safety

- Subawards to Public Libraries in the Digital Inclusion Category
 - New York Public Library: TechConnect Adult Digital Art Program
 - Brooklyn Public Library: T4 Teen Tech Hub; Techmobile Digital Inclusion Programs
 - Queens Public Library: Queens Connected expansion
 - Westchester Library System: Digital Equity Van
- METRO-led projects in the Library / Museum Category
 - Support Northern New York and Rochester Regional Council Repository Project
 - Feature Development for ESIE
- Subawards in the Library / Museum Category
 - Competitive grant program for Library / Museum partnerships

Presentation:

NYS Digital Equity Portal by Houman Saberi, CTNY

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

2022 Board Meeting Dates:

Friday, February 25, 2022

Monday, April 25, 2022

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Friday, September 23, 2022

Friday, November 11, 2022

Friday, December 9, 2022