

**METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Friday, February 25, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Shannon Mattern (video), Stephen Bury (video), Josh Greenberg (video), H. Austin Booth (video), Patricia Hswe (video), Leah Meisterlin (video), Greta Byrum (video), Caryl Matute (video), Donna Gibson (video)

**Not Present:** Nick Buron, Melissa Jacobs, Nick Higgins, Jim Neal, Brian Kenney, Kameelah Rasheed

**Staff:** Nate Hill (video)

Shannon Mattern brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 11/12/2021 board meeting. Moved by Stephen Bury and seconded by Leah Meisterlin, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

**Board Discussion:**

The board will be voting on new board member candidate Patricia Hswe. Patricia left the meeting for a moment so the Board could vote. Mattern motioned to bring Hswe onto the board. Moved by Austin Booth and seconded by Josh Greenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve Hswe as a member of the board.

Nate Hill thanked Josh Greenberg for serving on the Board and as Treasurer.

Hill recommended that Jim Neal be approved as an Emeritus Board Member. Mattern motioned to approve Jim Neal as an Emeritus Board Member. Moved by Stephen Bury and seconded by Greenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

**Finance Report:**

Bury provided a brief summary of the Finance Committee meeting earlier this week with Shelly Mohammed. They discussed the usefulness of the variance statistic. They reviewed income and financial statements and asked for more information regarding how revenue comes in for Repository Services. They discussed whether occupancy should move or remain in the budget for when there might be a physical space for METRO again. The decision was to leave it in for now. The Statement of Financial Position is in good shape and overall METRO is in a very good position financially.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Digital Equity Research Center: Hill asked the board to vote to approve the hiring of Colin Rhinesmith to run METRO's new Digital Equity Research Center. Mattern motioned to approve. Moved by Greta Byrum and seconded by Leah Meisterlin, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

- Community Engagement Analysis
- ARPA Updates
- Programming and Events
- Repositories Team

**Presentations:**

Colin Rhinesmith: A Digital Equity Evaluation Framework

Alexandra Dolan-Mescal: The Library of Digital Equity, Inclusion, and Justice

Carson Block and team (Cindy Fisher and Chris Ritzo): Public Learning Management System

Wendy Hanamura & Brewster Kahle: The Decentralized Web, a 6-Part Series

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

**2022 Board Meeting Dates:**

Monday, April 25, 2022

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Friday, September 23, 2022

Friday, November 11, 2022

Friday, December 9, 2022