

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, September 24, 2021
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron (video), Stephen Bury (video), Greta Byrum (video), Donna Gibson (video), Josh Greenberg (video), Melissa Jacobs (videos), Brian Kenney (video), Shannon Mattern (video), Caryl Matute (video), Leah Meisterlin (video)

Not Present: Nicholas Higgins, Jim Neal, Kameelah Rasheed

Staff: Nate Hill (video), Shelly Mohammed (video)

Shannon Mattern brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 05/14/2021 board meeting. Moved by Josh Greenberg and seconded by Stephen Bury, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 07/23/2021 board meeting. Moved by Nick Buron and seconded by Donna Gibson, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update:

- Participating in planning meetings for ARPA projects for digital equity and the collaboration with museums.
- Book released last month. Have participated in lots of talks, events, podcasts, and interviews around the book.

Finance Report:

- Shifted some of the operating reserves into a CD with a significant return on investment.
- While METRO got out of the rental lease, the rent offset, that would have been spread over 10 years, still needs to be cleaned from the books.
- Occupancy costs came in under budget.
- Repository and membership have held up.

Executive Director's Report:

- New website updates
- Staff updates
- ARPA grants and partnerships
- Equity in Action grant open call
- IMLS/REALM updates
- New site launched for Archipelago Documentation
- METRO event & workshops updates

General Discussion

- Board term limits

- Board Treasurer replacement for calendar year 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. for executive discussion.

2021 Board Meeting Dates

Friday, November 12, 2021

Friday, December 10, 2021