

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, April 28, 2023
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Stephen Bury, Donna Gibson (video), Nick Higgins (video), Patricia Hswe (video), Melissa Jacobs (video), Shannon Mattern, Caryl Matute, Leah Meisterlin (video), Jesse Montero (video)

Not Present: H. Austin Booth, Nick Buron, Jim Neal, Kameelah Rasheed

Staff: Nate Hill, Shelly Mohammed

Shannon Mattern brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:04 p.m.

Minutes:

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 12/09/2022 board meeting. Moved by Stephen Bury and seconded by Caryl Matute, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 02/24/2023 board meeting. Moved by Nick Higgins and seconded by Donna Gibson, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Investment Account:

METRO's investment account with Vanguard has been without a current representative for many years, making it impossible to access the account, make changes, or request information. A board vote is needed to add the Executive Director (ED), the Executive Director's address, and the Treasurer of the board to the investment account. Mattern motioned to add Nate Hill (ED) and Bury (Treasurer) to METRO's investment account. Moved by Matute and seconded by Gibson, the board voted unanimously to add Hill and Bury.

President's Update:

Budget cuts to libraries. Library Futures workshops at NYU.

FY 2023-2024 Budget:

Bury gave an overview of the budget, while Hill explained possible fundraising ideas to fund current and future projects, activities, and ideas. Mattern motioned to accept the FY 2023-2024 budget. Moved by Bury and seconded by Jesse Montero, the board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Executive Director's Report:

- Climate research is ongoing, expect more in the future.
- Staff will be attending ALA, IIF, and Next Library.
- Reimagining the annual meeting and symposia to satisfy state requirements and membership voting.
- Personnel policies are being revised to be presented at a future board meeting.
- Program and event updates.

- Digital equity updates.
- Digital services and repository updates.

Barnard Digital Collections Presentation: Allison Sherrick, Martha Tenney

General Discussion: City and state budget cuts

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

2023 Board Meeting Dates:

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Friday, September 29, 2023

Friday, December 8, 2023