

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, March 8, 2024
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: H. Austin Booth, Nick Buron, Stephen Bury, Nick Higgins, Patricia Hswe, Shannon Mattern, Caryl Matute, Leah Meisterlin, Jesse Montero, Kameelah Rasheed

Not Present: Melissa Jacobs, Jim Neal

Staff: Nate Hill

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

Minutes:

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 12/08/2023 board meeting. Moved by Nick Buron and seconded by Stephen Bury, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update:

Mattern mentioned her recent trip to USC, where she delivered several talks on community mapping and local media. Her discussions covered various topics, including community newsrooms, digital networks, community networks, and the connections between local news and library activities.

Finance Report:

Bury mentioned that the statement of financial position indicates strong figures for this time of year, providing a solid foundation for the next budget. A question arose regarding other liabilities on the balance sheet. These liabilities are due to the timing of a payment, which will be reflected in the next statement as paid out. The funds mentioned were received but will be subsequently disbursed.

Executive Director's Report:

Miscellany

- Brand Design firm contracted
- FY Budget is upcoming
- Digitization grant updates
- Currently not pursuing IMLS funding for Machine Learning project

Library Field updates

- Website has launched
- Support and partnerships
- RFP for a facilitator/planner is live

Programs & Events

- Upcoming events are shared in the link through the chat
- In-person tours are planned
- Digitization Project Grants (2024-2025) will be launching on Monday, March 11th

Digital Services / Repositories

- Archipelago Commons has new branding
- New project updates

Digital Equity Research Center

- [New website and brand are fully implemented](#)
- Research needs assessment survey for METRO members is live
- Net Inclusion updates from the team's attendance

METRO Bylaws review and discussion re updates/revisions that will eventually be made, sent to a lawyer, and voted on by the board.

[Friday's in May](#) program presentation: Traci Mark, Shawnta Smith-Cruz

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

2024 Board Meeting Dates:

Friday, May 17, 2024

Friday, July 26, 2024

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Friday, December 6, 2024