

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Stephen Bury, Greta Byrum (video), Donna Gibson (phone), Nicholas Higgins (phone), Melissa Jacobs, Brian Kenney, Leah Meisterlin, Caryl Matute, Jim Neal, Nick Buron

Not Present: Valeda Dent, Josh Greenberg, Shannon Mattern, Kameelah Rasheed

Staff: Nate Hill, Shelly Mohammed

Nick Buron brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Buron motioned to accept the minutes from the September 24, 2019 board meeting. Moved by Jim Neal and seconded by Leah Meisterlin, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Vice President's Update:

- NYLA conference and Queens Public Library's involvement
- [Urban Libraries Unite](#) discussion
- Hunters Point Library updates

Finance Report:

Shelly Mohammed mentioned that the Statement of Financial Position reflects an increase in income by surpassing what was budgeted for repository services and room rentals. Saved expenses on personnel and related expenses as NYS pension withheld less this year. Over budget on delivery. Nate Hill discussed why METRO is over budget on the delivery service and the plans to bring the program back within budget.

Executive Director's Report:

- Staff changes and updates
- Programs and partnership updates
- Grant to do census work with ESLN
- Library Privacy week update
- Archipelago and repository updates
- RAC meeting at METRO on December 6
- METRO incubating a statewide SimplyE service

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

2019 Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, December 19, 2019 (virtual)

All meetings are 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at METRO.