

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, July 26, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes

Present: H. Austin Booth, Nick Buron, Stephen Bury, Karen Fairbanks, Patricia Hswe, Caryl Matute, Melissa Jacobs, Terry Kirchner, Leah Meisterlin, Jesse Montero, Jim Neal

Not Present: Nick Higgins, Kameelah Rasheed

Staff: Nate Hill

Nick Buron brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:01 p.m.

Board Introductions

Minutes:

Buron motioned to accept the minutes from the 05/17/2024 board meeting. Moved by Austin Booth and seconded by Stephen Bury, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update:

Buron will be traveling back to New York next week and driving to Ithaca to attend the NYALS retreat. Additionally, he will participate in a meeting with New York State library directors. Recently, Buron was elected to the executive board of the American Library Association (ALA) and has assumed his new role. The following week, he will be heading to Chicago to conduct interviews for candidates vying for the ALA's Executive Director position.

Agenda Item: Board Officers

Buron distributed requests for nominations for board officer positions, and the board proceeded with voting. For the position of Secretary, Patricia Hswe was nominated. Buron motioned, Stephen Bury moved, and Jesse Montero seconded the nomination. The board voted unanimously to approve Hswe as Secretary. For the position of Vice President, Terry Kirchner was nominated. Buron motioned, Melissa Jacobs moved, and Patricia Hswe seconded the nomination. The board voted unanimously to approve Kirchner as Vice President.

Finance Update

A Library Field budget is in the works.

Agenda Item: Library Field Site Committee

The board discussed the importance of forming an advisory and planning committee for the library field project. An email thread regarding this initiative had been started prior to the meeting. The current members of the committee include Nate Hill, Stephen Bury, Jesse Montero, Karen Fairbanks, Leah Meisterlin, Kyle Brown, Shannon Mattern, and Karen LaRocca-Fels from Ossining Public Library. It was noted that committee membership is flexible,

and members may join or leave as needed. A vote was held to formalize the Library Field Site Planning Committee, with the charge of advising the Executive Director. Buron motioned, Meisterlin moved, and Jacobs seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the formation of the committee.

Executive Director's Report:

Miscellany

- Brand Implementation
- Conferences and Events
- Partnerships

Library Field

- Events
- Happenings
- Site

Programs and Events

Digital Services and Repositories

Digital Equity Research Center

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

2024 Board Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Friday, December 6, 2024