

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron, Stephen Bury, Nick Higgins, Patricia Hswe, Melissa Jacobs, Terry Kirchner, Leah Meisterlin, Jesse Montero

Not Present: H. Austin Booth, Karen Fairbanks, Caryl Matute, Jim Neal, Kameelah Rasheed

Staff: Nate Hill, Shelly Mohammed

Nick Buron brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:03 p.m.

Minutes:

Buron motioned to accept the minutes from the 07/26/2024 board meeting. Stephen Bury moved, and Melissa Jacobs seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update:

Buron discussed the initiative to explore opportunities internationally, emphasizing the value of collaborating with global partners. He highlighted that innovative ideas often emerge from blending diverse cultures and perspectives.

As part of this effort, Buron introduced Marie Østergård, who briefly introduced herself and shared insights into her current projects and contributions within the library field.

Buron introduced himself and invited board members to share brief introductions, which they did.

Hill noted that having additional members on the Finance Committee would be beneficial. Hill plans to send a message to the board via the mailing list to seek volunteers willing to join and support the committee.

Finance Update:

Bury provided an update on developing a budget outlining the costs associated with the Library Field. He assured the board that once more detailed information is available, it will be shared for further discussion. Bury then opened the floor for questions, but none were raised by the board.

Staff Presentations:

Dr. Colin Rhinesmith presents Digital Equity Ecosystems book

Diego Pino & Allison Sherrick present Archipelago

Traci Mark & Shawnta Smith-Cruz present Fridays in May

Executive Director's Report:

Brand Implementation

Conferences and Events

Library Field Updates

Programs & Events

Digital Services / Repositories

Digital Equity Research Center

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

2024 Board Meeting Dates:

Friday, December 6, 2024