

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, December 6, 2024

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: Virtual Via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Stephen Bury, Karen Fairbanks, Nicholas Higgins, Patricia Hswe, Terry Kirchner, Leah Meisterlin, Marie Østergård

Not Present: Nick Buron, Melissa Jacobs, Caryl Matute, Jesse Montero, Jim Neal, Kameelah Rasheed

Staff: Nate Hill, Shelly Mohammed

Terry Kirchner brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:02.

Minutes:

Kirchner motioned to accept the minutes from the 9/26/2024 board meeting. Stephen Bury moved, Leah Meisterlin seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Nominating Committee Vote to Bring Marie Østergård onto the Board:

Nicholas Higgins motioned to appoint Marie Østergård to the board. Stephen Bury seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved Marie's appointment, welcoming her as a new member.

Library Field Budget:

The board had a brief discussion regarding the budget for the Library Field project. Bury recommended refining the budget further and tracking actual expenses separately as the project progresses. The budget will be presented at each board meeting as updates become available. Additionally, the board discussed this as the creation of an asset that will be reflected on the balance sheet.

Regarding the dam, the board received verbal confirmation from the seller's agent granting an additional two months for due diligence to conduct the next study on the dam. The initial dam report indicated that the dam is in poor condition and is located 0.4 miles upstream from a Class C dam owned by the town on the preserve, which has a three-acre pond behind it and is also classified as being in poor condition.

METRO's attorney was present at a town hall meeting where discussions were underway regarding the decommissioning of the nearby Upper Minkel Dam. This development may set a

precedent that could support the potential decommissioning of the dam on the Library Field property.

Executive Director's Report:

Brand rollout

Staffing and title changes

International Work

Conferences and Events

Digital Equity Research Center is sunsetting in January

Digital Services / Repositories Updates

Library Field Presentation

Open Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm