

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 13, 2025

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Hunters Point Library

47-40 Center Boulevard

Long Island City, NY 11109

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron, Stephen Bury, Karen Fairbanks, Patricia Hswe, Melissa Jacobs, Terry Kirchner, Caryl Matute, Jesse Montero, Kameelah Rasheed

Not Present: Nicholas Higgins, Leah Meisterlin, Jim Neal, Marie Østergård

Staff: Nate Hill, Shelly Mohammed

Nick Buron brought the meeting to order at approximately 2:40 pm.

Minutes:

Buron motioned to accept the minutes from the 12/06/2024 board meeting. Melissa Jacobs moved, Karen Fairbanks seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update: Background of Hunters Point Library before a tour of the library.

Finance Update: FY 25-26 budget

There was a brief discussion regarding the budget. It was noted that the library field expenses for the upcoming year are categorized under 'Professional Services / Other Consultants.' A significant portion of these expenses will be covered by reserved funds. Buron motioned to approve the 2025-2026 FY budget. Terry Kirchner moved and Jacobs seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Executive Director's Report:

- June 17th is our Annual Meeting at the Center for Brooklyn History, with a keynote from artist [Tega Brain](#).
- Received a grant supporting collaboration between METRO, Denmark, Korea, some Californians, and Froghouse: Libraries and the Green Transition.
- Archipelago Commons
- Library Field Updates and Presentation

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

2025 Board Meeting Dates:

Friday, July 25, 2025 (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

Thursday, October 2, 2025 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)

Friday, December 5, 2025 (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)