

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Friday, July 25, 2025
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes

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

Not Present: Nicholas Higgins, Melissa Jacobs, Leah Meisterlin, Marie Østergård

Staff: Nate Hill

Nick Buron brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 pm.

Minutes:

Buron motioned to accept the minutes from the 05/22/2025 board meeting. Stephen Bury moved, Jesse Montero seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Buron motioned to accept the minutes from the 06/25/2025 Special Board Meeting to Close Library Field. Karen Fairbanks moved, Bury seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update: Buron shared that he serves on the Executive Board of the American Library Association (ALA). If anyone has any questions about that work or related initiatives, please let him know.

Additionally, Nick Higgins will be stepping down from the board.

Agenda Items:

New Board Member Votes

Prior to the meeting, board members received the candidates' bios and resumes. Hill provided a brief overview of both new board member nominees, Kristina Rose and Shawnta Smith-Cruz.

Hill motioned to approve the appointment of Shawnta Smith-Cruz to the board. Bury moved, Montero seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Hswe motioned to approve the appointment of Kristina Rose to the board. Montero moved, Kirchner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Policies

[Volunteer Waiver for Library Field](#)

Buron motioned to approve the Volunteer Waiver for Library Field. The motion passed

unanimously.

[Gift Acceptance Policy](#)

Buron motioned to approve the Gift Acceptance Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

[Updated Procurement Policy](#)

Buron motioned to approve the Updated Procurement Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

- METRO General Presentation is available and updated often
- Digitization Grant updates
- Advised by counsel to retain Keith Betensky as general counsel for Library Field
- METRO has a grant supporting collaboration between METRO, Denmark, Korea, and a few others: Libraries and the Green Transition
- ESLN Retreat in August
- Program & Events
- Creative Research updates
- Library Field Updates

Presentation: An Overview of Archipelago & DCMNY by Diego Pino & Allison Sherrick

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm

2025 Board Meeting Dates:

Thursday, October 23, 2025 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)

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