

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 12, 2026

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron, Stephen Bury, Karen Fairbanks, Patricia Hswe, Melissa Jacobs, Terry Kirchner, Caryl Matute, Leah Meisterlin, Jesse Montero, Kameelah Rasheed, Shawn(ta) Smith-Cruz

Not Present: Edwin Maxwell, Marie Østergård, Kristina Rose

Staff: Nate Hill

Nick Buron brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:04 pm.

Minutes:

Buron motioned to accept the minutes from the 12/05/2025 board meeting. Jesse Montero moved, and Kameelah Rasheed seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Presentation: Keith Betensky

Executive Director's Report:

- Presented the METRO and Library Field at the Morgan Stanley "Reimagining Libraries" event on March 5.
- Will be attending "Restoring the Living Landscape Together: A Lower Hudson Stewardship Conference.
- ESLN supports travel for METRO staff.
- METRO is hosting our first-ever DCMNY community mini-conference at NYU on April 8th.
- Coordinated a program proposal with NYU Law and NYU Libraries to try to bring the IIF Annual Conference to NYC in 2027 or 2028.
- Had a conversation with a grant manager from the Siegel Family Endowment about support for the Creative Research Classes.
- Creative Research updates.
- Archipelago updates.
- Programs & Events.
- Library Field updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.