METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Friday, July 24, 2026
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

Minutes

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

Not Present: Karen Fairbanks, Marie Østergård

Staff: Nate Hill, Shelly Mohammed

Nick Buron brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:02 pm.

Minutes:
Buron requested to accept the minutes from the 03/12/2026 board meeting. Stephen Bury moved, and Leah Meisterlin seconded. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update: Buron welcomed new board member Edwin Maxwell, followed by introductions from all board members. He reported that both the state and city budgets remained relatively flat in terms of funding for library systems. While level funding is welcome, library systems continue to receive less than what is needed to fully support their operations, leaving them in much the same financial position as last year. Buron also noted that advocacy season is underway, with various meetings and retreats planned.

Finance Report: Stephen Bury provided a brief overview of METRO's financial position, noting that the Statement of Financial Position was among the strongest to date, due in part to investment returns. He also mentioned transferring a portion of the investment holdings into certificates of deposit (CDs) to provide greater security and stability.

Executive Director's Report:
- Digitization grants
- Conferences and Partnerships
- Creative Research updates
- Digital Services updates
- Programs & Events (and Grants!)
- Library Field updates

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.