

**QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Central Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432 on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM by Vice Chair of the Board, Earl G. Simons, Ed. D.

I. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael E. Rodriguez, Esq.	Chair of the Board	Excused	
Earl G. Simons, Ed. D	Vice Chair of the Board	Present	
Eli Shapiro, Ed. D., LCSW	Secretary	Present	
Julissa Gutierrez	Treasurer	Present	6:20 PM
Pauline Healy	Assistant Treasurer	Present	
Judy E. Bergtraum, Esq.	Board Member	Excused	
Matthew M. Gorton	Board Member	Excused	
James M. Haddad, Esq.	Board Member	Present	
Cloyette Harris-Stoute	Board Member	Remote	
Andrew P. Jackson	Board Member	Present	
Peter Kauffmann	Board Member	Present	
Carl S. Koerner, Esq.	Board Member	Present	
Haeda Mihaltses	Board Member	Remote	
Guillermo Patino	Board Member	Present	
George Russo, Esq.	Board Member	Present	
Robert Santos, Esq.	Board Member	Excused	
Lydon Sleeper O'Connell	Board Member	Excused	
Terri Thomson	Board Member	Present	
Eve Cho Guillergan, Esq.	Rep - Speaker	Remote	

Elizabeth Guzman, Esq.	Rep - Public Advocate	Excused	
Allan Swisher, Esq.	Rep - Borough President	Remote	
Jimmy Van Bramer, Esq.	Rep - NYC Comptroller	Remote	
Dennis M. Walcott	President & CEO	Present	
Nick Buron	Chief Librarian & Sr. VP	Present	
Justin Deabler, Esq.	General Counsel & Sr. VP	Present	
Sung Mo Kim, Esq.	Chief Operating Officer & Sr. VP	Present	
Gitte Peng	Chief of Staff & Sr. VP.	Present	
Michael Tragale	Chief Financial Officer & Sr. VP.	Excused	
Susan Latham	Executive Director, QPL Foundation	Remote	
Elizabeth De Bourbon	VP, Communications	Remote	
William Funk	VP, Procurement	Remote	
William Goldband	VP, Information, Technology & Development	Present	
Chauncie Brooks	Sr. Manager, Infrastructure & Support	Present	
Justin Carroll, Esq.	Associate General Counsel	Remote	
Sara Hausner-Levine, Esq.	Deputy General Counsel	Present	
LaNiece M Ince	Executive Assistant to President & CEO	Present	
Thomas Ching	VP, Facilities & Environmental Services	Present	
Danielle Walsh	Instructional Systems Designer and Strategist	Remote	
Ralph McDaniels	Hip Hop Cultural Art Coordinator	Remote	

II. ACTION ITEM(S)

1. Motion to Go into Executive Session (ID # 2762)

The following library staff were asked to remain for Executive Session:

- Dennis M. Walcott, President and CEO
- Gitte Peng, Chief of Staff and Sr. VP
- Justin Deabler, Esq., General Counsel and Sr. VP
- Sung Mo Kim, Esq., Chief Operating Officer and Sr. VP
- Nick Buron, Chief Librarian and Sr. VP

Recommended Motion for Consideration:

I move that the meeting move into Executive Session, to discuss a personnel matter.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	James M. Haddad, Esq.
SECONDER:	Andrew P. Jackson
AYES:	Simons, Ed. D, Shapiro, Ed. D., LCSW, Gutierrez, Healy, Haddad, Esq., Jackson, Kauffmann, Koerner, Esq., Patino, Russo, Esq, Thomson
EXCUSED:	Rodriguez, Esq., Bergtraum, Esq., Gorton, Santos, Esq., O'Connell

2. Motion to Return to Public Session (ID # 2763)

Recommended Motion for Consideration:

I move that the meeting return to Public Session.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Andrew P. Jackson
SECONDER:	Julissa Gutierrez
AYES:	Simons, Ed. D, Shapiro, Ed. D., LCSW, Gutierrez, Healy, Haddad, Esq., Jackson, Kauffmann, Koerner, Esq., Patino, Russo, Esq., Thomson
EXCUSED:	Rodriguez, Esq., Bergtraum, Esq., Gorton, Santos, Esq., O'Connell

3. Action Resulting from Executive Session Discussion (ID # 2766)

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustee approve the adoption of the below Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Library's By-Laws provide, in pertinent part, that, with the exception of the President and Chief Executive Officer, the other key executive personnel of the Library be appointed by the President and Chief Executive Officer with the consent of the Board of Trustees; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis M. Walcott, the Library’s President and Chief Executive Officer, has selected Stephen Mack as Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President, subject to the Board of Trustee’s consent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, after due deliberation, the Board of Trustees consent to the appointment of Mr. Mack to the position Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Andrew P. Jackson
SECONDER:	Julissa Gutierrez
AYES:	Simons, Ed. D, Shapiro, Ed. D., LCSW, Gutierrez, Healy, Haddad, Esq., Jackson, Kauffmann, Koerner, Esq., Patino, Russo, Esq., Thomson
EXCUSED:	Rodriguez, Esq., Bergtraum, Esq., Gorton, Santos, Esq., O’Connell

4. 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop Programming & Digital Archives Contract Authorization (ID # 2765)

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustees authorize the President and CEO to contract with The Gates Preserve LLC to create hip hop programming and digital archives for the 50th Anniversary of Hip Hop, for a term not to exceed a year, at a cost of \$95,000.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Andrew P. Jackson
SECONDER:	Terri Thomson
AYES:	Simons, Ed. D, Shapiro, Ed. D., LCSW, Gutierrez, Healy, Haddad, Esq., Jackson, Kauffmann, Koerner, Esq., Patino, Russo, Esq., Thomson
EXCUSED:	Rodriguez, Esq., Bergtraum, Esq., Gorton, Santos, Esq., O’Connell

III. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to Adjourn (ID # 2764)

Recommended Motion for Consideration:

I move that the meeting be adjourned.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Carl S. Koerner, Esq.
SECONDER:	Julissa Gutierrez
AYES:	Simons, Ed. D, Shapiro, Ed. D., LCSW, Gutierrez, Healy, Haddad, Esq., Jackson, Kauffmann, Koerner, Esq., Patino, Russo, Esq., Thomson
EXCUSED:	Rodriguez, Esq., Bergtraum, Esq., Gorton, Santos, Esq., O’Connell

The meeting was closed at 6:43 PM.

Secretary