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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 6:26 PM

Central Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present

JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, JAMIE LEE, GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON,

Virtual

EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D.

Excused

ELI SHAPIRO Ed. D LCSW, CARL KOERNER, Esq., SELINA LEE, Ph. D., MICHELLE MIAO, Ph. D., and LYDON SLEEPER-O'CONNELL

Others Present

MATTHEW CARLIN, Esq., DENNIS M. WALCOTT, JUSTIN DEABLER, NICK BURON, SUNG MO KIM, GITTE PENG, LARRY VEDILAGO, VINEL LIRIANO, WILLIAM FUNK, WILLIAM GOLDBAND, JOHN KATIMARIS, MONIQUE HAMILTON, CHAUNCIE BROOKS, DOMINIQUE SIMBOLI, DANIELLE WALSH, and Michael McLeod

II. APPROVAL OF BOT MINUTES- December 11, 2025

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting be approved as submitted.

Moved by: ANDREW JACKSON

Seconded by: JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq.

Aye JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M.

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HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, JAMIE LEE, GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 14-0

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Approval of Finance & Investment Committee Report - January 22, 2026

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the report of the Finance & Investment Committee meeting be accepted as submitted.

Moved by: JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq.

Seconded by: ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq.

Aye JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, JAMIE LEE, GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 14-0

IV. AGENDA

Action Items

- A) **Election of Officers, Calendar Year 2026**
Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustees accept the resolution on election of officers as presented:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers of the Library for calendar year 2025:

LCSW

Chair of the Board:	Eli Shapiro, Ed. D.,
Vice Chair:	Matthew Gorton
Secretary:	Pauline Healy
Treasurer:	Terri Thomson
Assistant Treasurer:	Selina Lee, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, at the December 11, 2025 meeting, the Trustee were asked if they would like to nominate any other officers and no other nominations were offered; and the Board unanimously approved a motion to close nominations for officers of the Library for calendar year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that, after due deliberation, the following Trustees are elected as the officers of the Library for calendar year 2026 and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified:

LCSW

Chair of the Board:	Eli Shapiro, Ed. D.,
Vice Chair:	Matthew Gorton
Secretary:	Pauline Healy
Treasurer:	Terri Thomson
Assistant Treasurer:	Selina Lee, Ph.D.

Moved by: GEORGE RUSSO, Esq.

Seconded by: PETER KAUFFMANN

Aye JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW

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JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, JAMIE LEE, GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 14-0

B) FY 2027 Holiday Schedule

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the fiscal year 2027 holiday schedule as presented.

Moved by: ANDREW JACKSON

Seconded by: JULISSA GUTIERREZ

Aye JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, JAMIE LEE, GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 14-0

C) Contract Authorization: Audio-Visual Installation and Repair and Maintenance Services

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustees authorize the President and CEO to execute contracts for audio-visual installation and repair and maintenance services Worldcast Live Inc., Mason Technologies, Inc. and Park Boulevard Productions, for a two-year term with three one-year options to renew at the Library's sole discretion, at the attached hourly rates.

Moved by: TERRI THOMSON

Seconded by: PAULINE HEALY

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Aye JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, JAMIE LEE, GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 14-0

D) Contract Authorization: Employee Professional Development and Service Awards Event
Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustees authorize the President and CEO to execute a contract with Da Mikele Illagio to provide venue space and catering for an all-staff service awards and professional development event at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

Moved by: ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq.

Seconded by: CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE

Aye JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, JAMIE LEE, GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 14-0

Report Item(s)

E) Purchases Over \$50K- December 2025
PRESENTED

F) Personnel Report - December 2025
PRESENTED

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V. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A) **Key Performance Indicators - November 2025**
PRESENTED
- B) **Key Performance Indicators - December 2025**
PRESENTED

VII. Adjournment

- A) **Motion to Adjourn at 7:47pm**
Recommended Motion for Consideration

I move that the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq.

Seconded by: ANDREW JACKSON

Aye ELI SHAPIRO Ed. D LCSW, JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, CARL KOERNER, Esq., JAMIE LEE, SELINA LEE, Ph. D., MICHELLE MIAO, Ph. D., GUILLERMO PATINO, GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., LYDON SLEEPER-O'CONNELL, ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, Esq., and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 19-0

Pauline Healy - Secretary