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QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 8:11 PM

Central Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present

ELI SHAPIRO Ed. D LCSW, JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, CARL KOERNER, Esq., JAMIE LEE, SELINA LEE, Ph. D., MICHELLE MIAO, Ph. D., GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., LYDON SLEEPER-O'CONNELL, and TERRI THOMSON

Remote

ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES

Excused

JULISSA GUTIERREZ, JAMES M. HADDAD, Esq., ANDREW JACKSON, PETER KAUFFMANN, and GUILLERMO PATINO

Others Present

ALLAN SWISHER, Esq., MATT GEWOLB, Esq., MATTHEW CARLIN, Esq., DENNIS M. WALCOTT, JUSTIN DEABLER, NICK BURON, SUNG MO KIM, VINEL LIRIANO, SUSAN LATHAM, WILLIAM GOLDBAND, SARA HAUSNER-LEVINE, Esq., MONIQUE HAMILTON, CHAUNCIE BROOKS, DOMINIQUE SIMBOLI, DANIELLE WALSH, and MICHAEL MCLEOD

Remote

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II. APPROVAL OF BOT MINUTES- January 22, 2026

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: CARL KOERNER, Esq.; seconded by: CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE

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

Carried 14-0

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Approval of Finance & Investment Committee Report - March 12, 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: PAULINE HEALY; seconded by: CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE

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

Carried 14-0

- B) Approval of Labor Relations Committee Report - March 12, 2026

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the report of the Labor Relations Committee meeting be accepted as submitted.

Moved by: MICHELLE MIAO, Ph. D.; seconded by: LYDON SLEEPER-O'CONNELL

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

Carried 14-0

IV. AGENDA

Action Items

- A) Committee assignments

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the committee assignments for the duration of calendar year 2026 as presented.

Moved by: CARL KOERNER, Esq.; seconded by: GEORGE RUSSO, Esq.

Aye: ELI SHAPIRO Ed. D LCSW, JOHANNA CARMONA, Esq., MATTHEW M. GORTON, CLOYETTE HARRIS-STOUTE, PAULINE HEALY, CARL KOERNER, Esq., JAMIE LEE, SELINA LEE, Ph. D., MICHELLE

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MIAO, Ph. D., GEORGE RUSSO, Esq., EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D., LYDON SLEEPER-O'CONNELL, ALEXANDRIA SUMPTER-DELVES, and TERRI THOMSON

Carried 14-0

- B) Approval of New QPLF Director

Recommended Motion for Consideration by the Board of Trustees:

I move that the Board of Trustees approve the election of James Pickman to the Class of 2026 of the Queens Public Library Foundation Board of Directors.

Moved by: CARL KOERNER, Esq.; seconded by: PAULINE HEALY

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

Carried 14-0

Report Item(s)

- C) **Purchases Over \$50K- January 2026**
PRESENTED
- D) **Purchases Over \$50K- February 2026**
PRESENTED
- E) **Personnel Report - January 2026**
PRESENTED

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A) **Key Performance Indicators - January 2026**
PRESENTED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Recommended Motion for Consideration

I move that the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: LYDON SLEEPER-O'CONNELL; seconded by: EARL G. SIMONS, Ed. D.

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

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Pauline Healy - Secretary