



(AMENDED 02/18/21)
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW CITY LIBRARY
January 21, 2021
(Via Zoom Video Conferencing)

(AMENDED 02/18/21):

The following Minutes were amended to correct the omission of the election of Denis O’Hanlon as Treasurer on page 2 under Section I(c): Election of Officers. The amended section should include after the motion of the election of Vice-President the following motion:

- Upon motion made by Berger and duly seconded by Zuckerberg, it was:

RESOLVED, that Denis O’Hanlon serve as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#4-01/2021)

The following Minutes will also reflect corrections to the following motions’ identification numbers:

- *(RM#04-01/2021) should now read as (RM#05-01/2021)*
- *(RM#05-01/2021) should now read as (RM#06-01/2021)*
- *(RM#06-01/2021) should now read as (RM#07-01/2021)*
- *(RM#07-01/2021) should now read as (RM#08-01/2021)*
- *(RM#08-01/2021) should now read as (RM#09-01/2021)*
- *(RM#09-01/2021) should now read as (RM#10-01/2021)*
- *(RM#10-01/2021) should now read as (RM#11-01/2021)*
- *(RM#11-01/2021) should now read as (RM#12-01/2021)*

PRESENT:	Robert Axelrod, Trustee Victor Berger, Trustee Lisa Coughlin, Trustee Phyllis Morena, Trustee	Denis O’Hanlon, Trustee Patricia Ranieri, Trustee Jeffrey Sasson, Trustee Patricia Voce, Trustee David Zuckerberg, Trustee
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ABSENT: None

STAFF: Marianne Gallagher, Director
Shibu Abraham, Facilities & Finance Manager
Kelly Corrado, Administrative Assistant

GUEST: Ralph Sabatini, Trustee Emeritus

I. INTRODUCTORY

a. Meeting Called to Order:

This *Regular Meeting* immediately followed the *Annual Meeting*. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was previously recited at the *Annual Meeting*.

b. Election of Chair of the Meeting:

- Upon motion made by Berger and duly seconded by O’Hanlon, it was:

RESOLVED, that *Robert Axelrod* serve as *Chair Pro Tempore of the Regular Meeting the Board of Trustees of January 21, 2021*.

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#1-01/2021)

c. Election of Officers:

Axelrod inquired if there were any nominations from the floor.

- Upon motion made by Zuckerberg and duly seconded by O’Hanlon, it was:

RESOLVED, that *Victor Berger* serve as *President of the Board of Trustees*.

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#2-01/2021)

President Berger thereupon chaired the remainder of the meeting.

- Upon motion made by Voce and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:

RESOLVED, that *David Zuckerberg* serve as *Vice-President of the Board of Trustees*.

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#3-01/2021)

- Upon motion made by Berger and duly seconded by Zuckerberg, it was:
RESOLVED, *that Denis O’Hanlon serve as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#4-01/2021)

- Upon motion made by Morena and duly seconded by Sabatini, it was:
RESOLVED, *that Robert Axelrod serve as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#5-01/2021)

President Berger appointed the following *Committee Chairs*:

- Sasson for the *Building and Grounds Committee*
- Axelrod for the *Legal Affairs Committee*
- O’Hanlon for the *Personnel and Finance Committee*
- Morena for the *Policy and Planning Committee*

President Berger appointed the following *Ad hoc Committee Chairs*:

- Sasson for the *Negotiating Committee*
- Sasson for the *Nominating Committee*
- Axelrod for the *Patio Paver Project Committee*

President Berger appointed the *Trustees* to serve on the following *Committees*:

- *Building and Grounds Committee:*
 - Sasson (Chair)
 - Axelrod
 - Ranieri
 - Zuckerberg
- *Legal Affairs Committee:*
 - Axelrod (Chair)
 - Ranieri
- *Personnel and Finance Committee:*
 - O’Hanlon (Chair)
 - Axelrod
 - Voce
 - Zuckerberg

- Policy and Planning Committee:
 - Morena (Chair)
 - Coughlin
 - Sasson

- Ad hoc: Negotiating Committee:
 - Sasson (Chair)
 - Axelrod
 - Berger
 - O’Hanlon

- Ad hoc: Nominating Committee:
 - Sasson (Chair)
 - Coughlin
 - Voce

- Ad hoc: Patio Paver Project Committee:
 - Axelrod (Chair)
 - Ranieri

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Secretary Axelrod presented to the Board for acceptance the proposed *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 17, 2020*.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Zuckerberg, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 17, 2020.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Coughlin, abstained since she was not present at the previous meeting and was newly seated at today’s (January 21) meeting). (RM#6-01/2021)

III. REPORTS

a. Personnel and Finance Committee (O’Hanlon, Chair):

i. Financial Report of December 31, 2020, and Warrant #6:

Treasurer O’Hanlon reported that the Library’s finances are in good shape and are close to budget.

O’Hanlon presented to the Board for approval the *Financial Report of December 31, 2020, and Warrant #6*.

- Upon motion made by O’Hanlon and duly seconded by Zuckerberg, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board approve Warrant #6 in the amount of \$443,908.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#7-01/2021)

ii. Personnel:

O’Hanlon had nothing to report.

iii. New York State COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave:

Director Gallagher and Morena reported that the *Personnel and Finance Committee* met to discuss *New York State COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave* for staff. A discussion of the Board followed. The Board agreed that the *Committee* would re-convene to further discuss the proposed paid sick leave time.

Gallagher reported that two staff members had recently been quarantined. Gallagher presented to the Board for approval paid compensation for the two staff members for up to, and including, ten days.

- Upon motion made by Berger and duly seconded by Zuckerberg, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board approve paid compensation for up to, and including, ten days for two staff members who had recently been quarantined.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#8-01/2021)

b. Building and Grounds Committee (Sasson, Chair):

Sasson's report for the *Building and Grounds Committee* focused on information from the *Negotiating Committee* noted below.

i. Negotiating Committee (Sasson, Chair):

Sasson and Axelrod reported that the *Negotiating Committee* continues to review contractual changes and recommendations from legal counsel and the insurance company and that the *Committee* met earlier today (January 21) with *Consultant Architect Donald Mac Donald* to discuss clarification on three items.

Sasson expects that the contract with the construction management firm, *Consigli Construction Company*, will be signed before the next Board meeting. Sasson requested that the Board authorize the *Committee* to sign the contract once all issues pertaining to the contract are satisfied. President Berger will execute the agreement on behalf of the *Committee*.

- Upon motion made by Sasson and duly seconded by O'Hanlon, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board authorize President Berger and the Negotiating Committee to sign the contract with Consigli Construction Company upon satisfaction.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#9-01/2021)

i. Redesign Project:

Sasson combined his report on the *Redesign Project* with the above-mentioned *Negotiating Committee* report.

c. Policy and Planning Committee (Morena, Chair):

Morena combined her report regarding the proposed *New York State COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave* with the *Personnel and Finance Committee* report.

d. Legal Affairs Committee (Axelrod, Chair):

Axelrod combined his report regarding the contract with *Consigli Construction Company* with the *Negotiating Committee* report.

e. Ad Hoc Committees:

i. Negotiating Committee Report (Sasson, Chair):

Sasson offered his report during the *Building and Grounds Committee* report.

f. President’s Report (Berger):

President Berger had nothing to report.

g. Director (Gallagher):

Gallagher referred to her written *Director’s Report*.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Attorney:

President Berger proposed that the Board re-appoint *Ferick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC*, as the official *Counsel* of the Library.

- Upon motion made by Berger and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:
RESOLVED, *that the Board appoint Ferick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC, as the official Counsel of the New City Library.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#10-01/2021)

b. Appointment of Auditors:

President Berger proposed that the Board re-appoint *PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP*, as the official *Auditors* of the Library.

- Upon motion made by Berger and duly seconded by Sasson, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board appoint PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP, as the official Auditors of the New City Library.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#11-01/2021)

c. Board Communications (Axelrod, Secretary):

Axelrod had nothing to report.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Upon motion made by Sabatini and duly seconded by Voce, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#12-01/2021)

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Axelrod, Secretary
Board of Trustees
NEW CITY LIBRARY
February 4, 2021

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