
**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

A special meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees with an executive session was held on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023. The agenda is attached.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Rory Lancman – President
Kathleen Gold – Vice President
Barry Smith, MD – Secretary
Chayim Mahgerefteh, CPA – Treasurer
Mimi Hu – Assistant Treasurer
Josephine Mairzadeh – Assistant Treasurer (via Zoom)
Aliza Reicher - Trustee

Also Present: Denise Corcoran – Director
Kathryn Baumgartner – Assistant Director
Steven Kashkin – Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Lancman called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Trustee Lancman, seconded by Trustee Smith, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session to discuss general counsel search, personnel matters, insurance matters, and litigation discussion.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Lancman, Gold, Smith, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Reicher)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Mairzadeh arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Upon motion by Trustee Lancman, seconded by Trustee Gold, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees exit Executive Session.

VOTE: Yes – 7 (Lancman, Gold, Smith, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Mairzadeh, Reicher)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No action was taken in the executive session.

The board reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. General Counsel RFP

Upon motion by Trustee Lancman, seconded by Trustee Smith, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Library Director will post on the library website the attached RFP that the library welcomes proposals from qualified law firms to provide general counsel services to the library by June 17, 2024, and that the Library Director directly inform law firms currently providing such services to other libraries on Long Island of the library's interest in receiving such proposals.

VOTE: Yes – 4 (Lancman, Smith, Mahgerefteh, Reicher)

No – 3 (Gold, Hu, Mairzadeh)

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Lancman said that they had a long discussion during the executive session. He recommends a yes vote. He recommends they keep the proposal that Director Corcoran gave them and move the process forward.

2. Retain Law Firm to Investigate Employment Matter

Upon motion by Trustee Lancman,

RESOLVED, that pursuant to policy manual section 300-95 and 400-70 an independent law firm be retained to investigate an employment matter on an emergency basis chosen by the president and treasurer from amongst three proposals.

VOTE: Yes – 4 (Lancman, Smith, Mahgerefteh, Reicher)

No – 3 (Gold, Hu, Mairzadeh)

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Lancman and seconded by Trustee Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Barry Smith
Secretary, Board of Trustees