
**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

A special meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees with an executive session was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023, and University Public Library, 6701 Delmar Boulevard, University City, MO 63130. 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
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 for general counsel interviews.

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

Upon motion by Trustee Lancman, seconded by Trustee Smith, 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 6:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Retainer Agreement for Legal Counsel to the Library

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

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees approve the retainer agreement for Jaspin Schlessinger to represent the Library as its general counsel in all pertinent matters until July 1, 2025, at a uniform hourly rate of \$295.00 for the time of any attorney, and authorize the board president to execute agreement; funds for this service will be taken from the Legal Fees – General line of the operating budget.

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

Abstain – 3 (Gold, Hu, Mairzadeh)

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN TIME

R.Gilliar: Spending taxpayer money to investigate anonymous letters allegedly written by an employee; This is the only board (not unanimous) in the state that will take up an anonymous letter; Three long-standing board members will not vote to investigate director; Library Director knows finance, construction, books, personnel, and ran over twenty libraries in Queens; We have good library director who should not be investigated; Trustee Smith should not make decisions on this topic based on things in the lawsuit he was involved in against the director.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Lancman and seconded by Trustee Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Barry Smith
Secretary, Board of Trustees