
**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees with an executive session was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the Parkville Branch Library, 10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, New York 11040. The agenda is attached.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Aliza Reicher – President
Brachah Goykadosh – Vice President
Rory Lancman – Secretary
Chayim Mahgerefteh, CPA – Treasurer
Mimi Hu – Assistant Treasurer
Neal Hakimi, MD – Assistant Treasurer

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Reicher called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Trustee Reicher, seconded by Trustee Mahgerefteh, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees enter Executive Session for personnel matters.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No action was taken in the executive session.

The board reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Minutes

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

MOVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, special board meeting and budget workshop, March 18, 2025, board meeting, March 24, 2025, special board meeting and budget workshop, and April 7, 2025, budget hearing and adoption as presented.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREASURER/BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

Upon motion by Trustee Mahgerefteh, seconded by Trustee Goykadosh, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees accept the following financial reports:

- a. April 22, 2025, Treasurer's Report;
- b. Warrant dated April 7, 2025, through April 14, 2025, which has been reviewed by the Treasurer, the sums set against their respective names, amounting in the aggregate to \$412,956.42.
- c. Payroll Warrants for pay dates March 6, 2025, and March 20, 2025, (in the amounts of \$181,572.62 and \$171,922.13, respectively) for a total of \$353,494.75.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PAYROLL CHANGES

Upon motion by Trustee Mahgerefteh, seconded by Trustee Hakimi, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees accept the Payroll Changes report of March 14, 2025, through April 16, 2025, as presented, which has been reviewed by the Treasurer.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

President's Report

President Reicher commended the library staff on their amazing job on Gatsby Day. The community provided a lot of positive feedback, and articles were published on various news outlets.

Director's Report

Director Denise Corcoran summarized her report, which is attached to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Policy Changes – 2nd Read & Vote

Upon motion by Trustee Reicher, seconded by Trustee Hu, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees adopt the following changes to the Policy Manual.

- a) Add Section 700-35: Library Card PIN Policy
- b) Revise Section 200-60: Trustee Continuing Education & Community Meetings
- a) Revise Section 1500-25: Nominating Committee Member Removal Procedures

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept Donation

Upon motion by Trustee Hu, seconded by Trustee Hakimi, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the restricted donation in memory of Eugene and Miriam Halpert in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be deposited in the Restricted Gift Fund, to be used for the creation of a donor wall with Eugene and Miriam Halpert's names included on the wall in perpetuity.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Accept Donation

Upon motion by Trustee Hakimi, seconded by Trustee Goykadosh, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the restricted donation from the trust of Sylvia Antonier Scher in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be deposited in the Restricted Gift Fund, with \$5,000 to be used for the Media Department and \$5,000 to be used for the Children's Department.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Addendum to Long Range Plan (Capital Budget Plan)

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of approve the updated Long Range Plan as presented.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. NYS Annual Report

Upon motion by Trustee Mahgerefteh, seconded by Trustee Goykadosh, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the 2024 New York State Annual Report for the Great Neck Library as presented.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Accept Holiday Closings & Sunday Hours

Upon motion by Trustee Goykadosh, seconded by Trustee Mahgerefteh, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the September 2025 to August 2026 Schedule of Holiday Closings and Sunday Hours as presented.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Disposal of Documents (attached) per Policy 400-30

At its meeting on January 19, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1). The documents listed in the attached document will be disposed of per this policy (400-30).

7. Personnel

Upon motion by Trustee Hu, seconded by Trustee Mahgerefteh, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees approve personnel item 1a-b on the attached Personnel Report.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President Reicher read the following statement from Daniel Avila, Levels Staff Member:

I would like to take a moment to share a brief statement following my recent resignation from my position at Levels, the teen center of the Great Neck Library.

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Great Neck Library and to my supervisor, Barry, for the opportunity to be part of such a supportive and inspiring environment. Barry has been an exceptional supervisor—hardworking, accountable, and incredibly easy to collaborate with. I also want to acknowledge the rest of the Levels staff, who have been a joy to work alongside and whose dedication to the program has always been evident.

Under this team’s leadership, I experienced meaningful professional growth and felt truly valued as a musician and educator. It was an honor to contribute to a space where young people could explore their creativity and find a sense of community through the arts.

I also want to make it unequivocally clear that my decision to step away from my position had nothing to do with any recent events involving other staff members. My departure was based on personal and professional considerations, and I continue to hold the library, its mission, and its team in the highest regard. I only wish I had more time to further develop and expand the music program at Levels.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be part of this remarkable institution. I remain a strong supporter of the Great Neck Library and all the work it does for the community.

8. Approve Additional Costs for Main Library Renovations

Upon motion by Trustee Hakimi, seconded by Trustee Goykadosh, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees approve the additional costs in the amount of \$59,578.81 from H2M for multiple projects (entryway, MEP, and roof) for the Main Library, to be charged to the Main Building and Special Services Fund.

VOTE: Yes – 6 (Reicher, Goykadosh, Lancman, Mahgerefteh, Hu, Hakimi)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Discussion: Security Cameras

Business Manager, Steven Kashkin, went over the options for the installation of security cameras at all four library locations. The board discussed the proposals and agreed to bring this back for a vote at the next board meeting.

OPEN TIME

- Dahlia Zabilan – Levels Teen Center
- David Duval – Levels Teen Center
- Unknown – Great Neck resident priority for library programming; Outdoor area at Main Library; Levels Teen Center
- Unknown – Levels Teen Center

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 13, 2025 – Board Meeting (Main Library)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Reicher and seconded by Trustee Lancman.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Lancman
Secretary, Board of Trustees