

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Special Budget Hearing
Thursday, May 1, 2025
New Rochelle Public Library: Main Library Ossie Davis Theater

NRPL Board President Lucille Renwick called the special budget hearing to order at 7:03 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Lucille Renwick, President Corey Galloway, Vice President Rhianon Navin, Secretary Fela Cortés Tatiana Infante Vera Salter

Excused Absence: Nancy Weinberger

ADMINISTRATION

Eugenia Schatoff Jean Manning Yesika Torres Dr. David Mener, WLS Rep.

NRPL Board President Lucille Renwick explained that the purpose of the special budget hearing is to introduce the NRPL's budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, which will be voted upon on May 20, 2025, by New Rochelle's public. Lucille highlighted the first annual budget mailer that was sent to every household in New Rochelle, presenting a comprehensive overview of the work of the library as well as detailed information on the upcoming budget in both English and Spanish. There will be another information session about the budget on May 5, 2025, at the library.

Library Director <u>Eugenia Schatoff</u>shared a comprehensive overview of the 2025-26 fiscal year budget, outlining the budget objectives, budgeting process, and the library's accomplishments and statistics from the previous year.

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Rod Rolett asked why the utilities budget line remained flat year over year instead of accounting for inflation and other rise in costs. <u>Eugenia Schatoff</u>explained that no increases were included in the new budget because the library is receiving funds through the 2025 NYS Construction Grant to increase the efficiency of the current HVAC system, which will be reflected in the overall utility costs remaining static.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m., with a motion by Lucille Renwick, seconded by Rhiannon Navin and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Rhiannon Navin, Secretary A recording of the meeting can be found on the library's website: www.nrpl.org.