Resolutions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
Authorizing the Use of Videoconferencing Under the
Open Meetings Law

WHEREAS, Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 created a new Section 103-a in the Open Meetings Law ("OML"); under the new Section 103-a, it made permanent until July 1, 2024, the expanded use of videoconferencing;

WHEREAS, prior to authorizing the use of videoconferencing, the Executive Committee is required to hold a public hearing; this public hearing was held on June 15, 2022; additionally, the Board of Trustees or Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees must create written procedures further governing the Board’s or Committee’s use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to OML, videoconferencing may be used for a meeting at which a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the Board’s, or a Committee’s, quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend;

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees hereby determined that Members of the Board or Committee shall be physically present at any such meeting unless such member is unable to be physically present at one of the designated public meeting locations due to extraordinary circumstances; the term "extraordinary circumstances" include, for example: (i) a Trustee or extended household member is at higher risk of serious illness from infection with a communicable disease (for example, COVID-19), as set forth in relevant public health guidance; (ii) quarantining due to exposure to a communicable disease; (iii) family or dependent care responsibilities; (iv) disability; (v) injury; (vi) illness; (vii) any Trustee who determines they are not available to attend a meeting in-person due to the need for significant travel; and (viii) any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member’s physical attendance at such meeting (for example, significant weather-related events or travel disruptions);

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees shall promulgate written procedures, which may be amended from time to time, further governing the Board’s or a Committee’s use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022; and
RESOLVED, that the President and Chief Executive Officer; the Chief Operating Officer; the General Counsel; and the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary of the Library be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed, for, in the name and on behalf of the Library to take any and all actions, that they or any one of them may deem necessary or appropriate in order to carry into effect the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions or the transactions contemplated therein or thereby, as conclusively evidenced by the taking of such action and that all action(s) heretofore taken by any of them in connection with the matter of any and all of the foregoing resolutions be and is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects as the act and deed of the Library, having the same force as if performed pursuant to the direct authorization of the Executive Committee.