

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 77

Introduced by Council Members Brewer, Louis, Encarnación, Hanif, Narcisse, Abreu, Gutiérrez and Salaam.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the New York city charter, in relation to combining the archival review board and the archives, reference and research advisory board into a library and archival review advisory board, and to repeal section 3009 of such charter in relation thereto

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 3005 of the New York city charter, as added by local law number 22 for the year 2003, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3005. [Archival] *Library and archival review advisory board*. *a.* There shall be in the department [an] *a library and archival review advisory board* which shall consist of [five] 9 members; [two] 3 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker, [two] 5 of whom shall be appointed by the mayor, and [one] 1 of whom shall be the commissioner, who shall serve ex officio as chairperson of the board. [At] *The mayor's appointments shall include at least [one such appointment shall be a] 1 professional archivist, 1 professional librarian, and [one other such appointment shall be a] 1 professional historian. [The members of the commission, other than the chair, shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this section and] Members of the library and archival review advisory board shall be entitled to reasonable expenses[. All appointed members of the commission] and shall be residents of the city.*

b. Members, *other than the chair*, shall serve for terms of [four] 4 years from [such] *the* date of appointment, *provided that of those members first taking office, 1 appointed by the mayor and 1 appointed by the speaker shall be appointed for a 1 year term; 2 appointed by the mayor and 1 appointed by the speaker shall be appointed for a 2-year term; and 2 appointed by the mayor and 1 appointed by the speaker shall be appointed for a 3-year term. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed.* Vacancies in appointed membership of the board shall be filled by appointment by whosoever was responsible for [such] *the* original appointment.

c. The board shall meet once every [90] 120 days or upon the request of any of its members.

d. Any member [of such board] shall have complete access, *with the concurrence of the commissioner*, during work hours, to inspect and review any appraisal, organization, processing or archiving of city records in the custody of an entity with which an agreement has been entered into for the purposes specified in subdivision [five] 5 of section 3003. [Such] *The* board may request and receive, from the department, assistance and data as may be necessary for the proper execution of its powers and duties. [Such]

e. *No later than December 31, 2026, and annually by December 31 thereafter, the board shall [render annually to the mayor] submit a report [reviewing] to the speaker of the council and the mayor on the development of municipal archives, reference and research services in the government and administration of the city, and the archival processing of any city papers during the year for which the report has been written.*

§ 2. Section 3007 of the New York city charter, as amended by a vote of the electors at the general election held on November 8, 1988, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3007. Departmental [libraries] *collections*. The commissioner shall analyze the needs of each city agency, except the law department, with respect to the establishment and maintenance of any

library or research facility therein, and make such recommendations as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

§ 3. Section 3009 of the New York city charter is REPEALED.

§ 4. All members of the library and archival review board shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this local law.

§ 5. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on March 10, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on April 10, 2026.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 77 of 2026, Council Int. No. 87-A of 2026) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.