

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees Governance and Development Committee
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
Central Library, Commonwealth Salon
700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

MINUTES

A meeting of the Boston Public Library Trustees Governance and Development Committee (“Committee”) was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Boston Public Library (“BPL”), Central Library in Copley Square.

Present at the meeting were Committee members: Cheryl Cronin, Ben Bradlee, President, David Leonard. Committee chair John Hailer was not present.

Also present: Robert Gallery, Chair of the Board and Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board, along with members of the public.

Mr. Ben Bradlee presided and called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. Roll call was taken and determined that there was a quorum. He addressed the review and approval of the Minutes of the March 7, 2019 committee meeting. With no comments or edits suggested, upon a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of March 7, 2019 were approved.

Next, President David Leonard presented the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for the library’s two main affiliates, the Leventhal Map and Education Center and The Associates of the BPL. He explained the vote before them is to recommend the full board to accept the MOUs as written. Mr. Leonard noted that both represent 2-3 years of collaborative work and relationship building between the three entities. Together with the new Fund for the BPL, these MOUs really represent several milestones that are significant to the future of the Library in bringing the major fundraising affiliates to one unified agreement.

Mr. Leonard explained The Leventhal Map Center’s agreement is essentially a renewal of the existing ten year agreement with a few renewals. The Associates’ MOU is the first time in an almost thirty year relationship that we formalized principles that will shape how they will work together with the Library in the future. The Committee members made a motion that was duly made and seconded, and

VOTED: “that, the Trustees Governance and Development Committee recommend the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to approve the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with The Norman B. Leventhal Map Center and the Boston Public Library, expiring on June 29, 2029 as written.”

VOTED: “that, the Trustees Governance and Development Committee recommend the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to approve the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with The Associates and the Boston Public Library, expiring on June 30, 2020 as written.”

Next, Mr. Bradlee made motion for approval of the slate of officers as presented: Robert Gallery, Chair of the Board, Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair of the Board, and Pamela Carver for Clerk of the Board. With no questions and comments, they made a motion that was duly made and seconded, and

VOTED: “That, the Trustees Governance and Development Committee recommend the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the nomination for the slate of officers for the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston at the Annual Trustees Meeting on May 14, 2019, for a 1-year term beginning July 1, 2019 including: Robert Gallery, for the nomination of Chair; Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, for the nomination of Vice Chair; and Pamela Carver, for the nomination of Clerk of the Board.”

Next, the Steering Committee updates were deferred for discussion at the full board meeting. There was no new business or public comment.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela R. Carver, Clerk of the Board