

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees Executive Committee
Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.
Central Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston 02116
Kirstein Business Library Exchange Room

DRAFT MINUTES

The first meeting of the Boston Public Library (“BPL”) Trustees Executive Committee (“Committee”) was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2020 held at the Central Library at 700 Boylston Street in Boston in the Kirstein Business Library Exchange Room at 8:30 a.m.

Committee members present at the meeting: Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Zamawa Arenas, and Priscilla H. Douglas. Robert Gallery, Chair was absent.

Also present were David Leonard, President, and Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board, along with Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer, and Kurt Mansperger, Chief Technology Officer.

Evelyn Arana-Ortiz presided and called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Roll call was taken and determined that there was a quorum. She invited Ellen Donaghey to explain the votes before them.

Ms. Donaghey explained there were two eRate votes before the committee that must be filed by March 25, 2020 therefore prompting the need for this special meeting due to the tight deadlines. Ms. Donaghey explained the Federal Government funds the majority of the contract of approximately 80-85% with the remaining balance using Trustees funds. Mr. Leonard added that both votes were for the full contracted amount per the requirement of eRate filing guidelines. Mr. Mansperger, Chief Technology Officer added that eRate covers all items that are eligible under the contract for this new contract for security virtualization software by Presidio Networked Solutions. With no questions, a motion was duly made and seconded and,

VOTED: “that, the Trustees Executive Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston be entered into contract with Presidio Networked Solutions LLC, 10 Sixth Road, Woburn, MA 01801 the sole responsive and responsible bidder in a Public Invitation for Bid process, advertised under USAC E-Rate Program, Boston Public Library Network and Security Virtualization Software for the FY21 Period, Beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at the bid price, at a total cost not to exceed two hundred two thousand, three hundred eighty five dollars and forty eight cents (\$202,385.48).”

The second vote was for a special project for data backup software that will update our network system. Mr. Mansperger explained that the BPL’s current backups are rather old and they spend a lot of money on maintenance and technical support as a result. The proposed backups cover everything and eRate would cover 40% of the contract. He explained this was not typical item eRate covered therefore was a little risk it would not be covered but noted as this type of software becomes more commonplace, expected eRate would cover in the future. With no further discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and,

VOTED: “that, the Trustees Executive Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston be entered into contract with the Weissco Power LLC, 516 Country Road 513, Clifton, NJ 07830, the most responsive and responsible bidder

in a public Request for Proposal process, advertised under G.L. C. 30B, a contract for Boston Public Library UPS-Data Center Backup Power FY21 (E-rate Fund Year 2020), as specified during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at the proposal price, at a total cost not to exceed one hundred forty three thousand, five hundred thirty one dollars and zero cents (\$143,531.00), contingent upon receipt of Universal Services Fund Federal funding. The Boston Public Library Evaluation Committee performed an evaluation of the proposals presented by three vendors as described in the Request for Proposal (RFP), and through this process determined the proposal presented by Weissco Power LLC represented the best value for the Boston Public Library.”

Ms. Arana-Ortiz moved to new business and public comment for which there was none. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela R. Carver, Clerk of the Board