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BPL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 17, 2023

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pcarver@bpl.org*

BPL OPENING STATEMENT

The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.

The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library's Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people *and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations.* We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto 'free to all.'

Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.

Chair's Report

Priscilla H. Douglas

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- Roll Call of the Board
- Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2022
- Committee Structure Updates
 - Approval of Community Engagement Committee Charter
 - McKim Capital Projects
 - Strategic Planning

UPDATES TO TRUSTEES' COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

McKim Capital Projects

- Navjeet Bal, Chair*
- John Hailer*
- Jeff Hawkins*
- Senator Mike Rush*
- Representative Chynah Tyler*
- David Leonard, President
- Priscilla H. Douglas, *ex officio**

Strategic Planning

- Joe Berman*
- Heidi Brooks
- Cheryl Cronin*
- Karilyn Crockett
- Jose C. Masso III, Vice Chair*
- Paula Sakey
- Jonathon Soroff
- Christian Westra, Chair*
- David Leonard, President
- Priscilla H. Douglas, *ex officio**

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President's Report

David Leonard

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A. Recent highlights

B. Current challenges

C. Guest Speaker

John Szabo, LAPL City Librarian

JOHN SZABO, CITY LIBRARIAN LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Los Angeles Public Library serves over four million people—the largest population of any public library in the United States.

He oversees the Central Library and 72 branches with more than 30 years of leadership experience in public libraries

LAPL is a National Medal for Museum and Library Service recipient, the nation's highest honor for library service.

The Library's major initiatives include those related to immigrant integration and citizenship, sustainability, civic engagement, digital inclusion, and lifelong learning.

He has expanded the library's reach into the city's diverse communities through partnerships with several community-based organizations..



Finance & Audit Committee

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Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Chair

Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer

- *FY24 Maintenance Budget Submitted*
- *Increase Contract Thresholds*

INCREASING CONTRACT APPROVAL THRESHOLDS

Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve an update to the contract limit thresholds requiring a review and vote by the Trustees Finance & Audit Committee and full Board of Trustees, with the new limits set as follows:

- \$0 to \$50,000 – no votes needed
- \$51,000 to \$200,000 - Finance & Audit Committee votes to approve
- \$201,000 and up - Finance & Audit Committee reviews and recommends a vote to the full board; Board of Trustees votes to approve.

New Business

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Priscilla H. Douglas, Chair

Public Comment

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- The Moderator will unmute your mic when you are called on.
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- If follow up is required, please send your contact email or phone number to the Clerk of the Board at pcarver@bpl.org

Adjournment

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**Next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.
at the Central Library*