

# TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

## Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation and Administrative Agency

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Central Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116

Rabb Hall (Lower Level of Boylston Street Building)

### AGENDA

#### I. Chair's Report

*Priscilla H. Douglas, Chair*

- A. Call to Order
  1. EDI statement
  2. Roll Call of Board
- B. Review and Approval of Minutes for the Trustees Meetings held on October 11, 2022
- C. Updates to Trustees' Committee Structure
  1. Strategic Planning Committee
  2. McKim Capital Projects Committee
  3. Updated and approved Community Engagement Committee Charter

#### II. President's Report

*David Leonard, President*

- A. Recent highlights
- B. Current challenges
- C. Guest Speaker  
*John Szabo, Los Angeles Public Library, City Librarian*

#### III. Trustees Finance and Audit Committee

*Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Chair*

*Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer*

- A. FY24 Maintenance Budget submission  
*Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer*
- B. Vote to Increase 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 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.**

#### IV. New Business

#### V. Public Comment

*“Please sign up for public comment the first 30 minutes of the meeting to support effective time management. On occasion, additional public comments on matters formally on the agenda may be allowed at the discretion of the Chair, and time allowing. Members of the public are also reminded that comments may alternatively be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board for distribution to the Trustees.”*

**VI. Adjournment**

*Priscilla H. Douglas, Chair*

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

**Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston**

Priscilla H. Douglas, Chair; Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair,  
Jabari Asim, Navjeet Bal, Joe Berman, Ben Bradlee Jr, Cheryl Cronin,  
Linda Dorcena Forry, John Hailer, Jeff Hawkins, Jose C. Masso III,  
Senator Mike Rush, Representative Chynah Tyler, Christian Westra, and Lynn Perry Wooten

President, David Leonard  
Clerk of the Board, Pamela R. Carver

This is an open meeting.  
The public is welcome to attend in-person or watch via Zoom

In-person: Must enter via 230 Dartmouth Street Entrance before 9:00 a.m.  
Entry not permitted before 8:15a.m.

Zoom: <https://boston-public-library.zoom.us/j/82652954163>

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Call in option: 1 312 626 6799, or 1 646 558 8656, or 1 646 931 3860, or 1 301 715 8592