

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees Governance and Development Committee Friday, May 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Boston Public Library (“BPL”) Trustees Governance and Development Committee (“Committee”) was held on Friday, May 13, 2022, held virtually via Zoom.

Members present at the meeting: Navjeet Bal, Cheryl Cronin, Linda Dorcena Forry, Christian Westra and David Leonard. Committee Chair, John Hailer was absent. Clerk of the Board and members of the public were also present.

Ms. Cheryl Cronin presided and called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. The public was reminded that the meeting was being recorded and for members of the public to sign up for public comment via the chat. Ms. Cronin read the Trustees reaffirmation statement. A roll call was taken and determined that there was a quorum. She addressed the review and approval of the Minutes of the May 18, 2021, committee meeting. With no comments or edits suggested, a motion was duly made and seconded, the meeting minutes of May 18, 2021, were approved via a roll call vote. The Clerk noted that David Leonard will be abstaining from voting.

Ms. Cronin reviewed the first nomination for a new trustee was Jose C. Masso III. She highlighted his experience, noting he was the Principal of JCMIII Consulting LLC. and had enormous experience in a professional consulting space regarding policy, particularly in the diversity, equity, and including space, which would serve to be helpful to the BPL. Mr. Masso was named Boston Magazine’s most influential Bostonians in 2020. He is fluent in Spanish and a native of Puerto Rico. Currently co-hosts and produces *Con Salsa*, a weekly bilingual program on WBUR.

Next, Ms. Cronin highlighted the second nomination of Dr. Lynn Perry Wooten. She was noted as the distinguished ninth president of Simmons University and the first African American to lead the university. Dr. Wooten is a prolific author and actively involved in Boston philanthropic and civic community organizations.

Ms. Cronin called for a motion, it was duly made, seconded, and voted via a roll call vote,

VOTED: “that, the Governance and Development Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the recommendation for the appointment of Jose C. Masso III and Lynn Perry Wooten, PhD for the Boston Public Library Board of Trustees to Mayor Michelle Wu.”

Ms. Cronin made a motion for the approval of the Officers of the Board of Trustees as presented: Priscilla H. Douglas, for Chair of the Board, Evelyn Arana Ortiz, for Vice Chair of the Board, and Pamela Carver for Clerk of the Board. With no questions and comments, a motion 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 Officers for the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston at the Annual Trustees Meeting on July 1, 2022, for a 1-year term including: Priscilla H. Douglas, 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.”

Ms. Cronin asked if there was any New Business. David Leonard acknowledged outgoing trustees, Zamawa Arenas and Joyce Linehan, who had been stellar members of the Board as supporters of the Library and their great leadership.

Mr. Leonard also reported that Mayor Wu had also reappointed John Hailer and Evelyn Arana Ortiz to the Board to serve an additional term.

Ms. Cronin asked for Public Comment, for which there was none.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela R. Carver, Clerk of the Board