BPL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, 3.26.24, 8:30 A.M.

Members of the Public may sign up for Public Comment via the CHAT by 9:00 a.m.

Comments left in the chat will not be acknowledged. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board, pcarver@bpl.org
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.
Call to Order
Priscilla H. Douglas

• Roll Call of the Board
• Approval of Minutes
• Welcome remarks
Tim Ritchie, President

- Tim Ritchie is the president of the Museum of Science, Boston. Starting in February 2020, Tim has brought the Museum a vision for reaching 500M people a year by 2030, for dramatically expanding access, and for creating experiences that bring science to people at the pace of change.

- Tim has served as the president of science centers across the country including, McWane Science Center, in Birmingham, Alabama, and the Tech Interactive, in San Jose, California. He is currently the chairman of the board of the Association of Science and Technology Centers.

- He received his B.A. from Davidson College, his J.D. from Duke Law School, and his M.P.A. from Harvard’s Kennedy School.
PALACES FOR THE PEOPLE

HOW SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAN HELP FIGHT INEQUALITY, POLARIZATION, AND THE DECLINE OF CIVIC LIFE

ERIC KLINENBERG
Emerging Science Learning Delivery Model
Questions
A. Strategic Plan Updates
   David Leonard and Christian Westra, Committee Chair

   1. Introduction to Gensler
   2. Timeline and Updated Roadmap review

B. President’s Updates
   David Leonard
Boston Public Library

Strategic Planning Initiative

Board Update

March 26, 2024
Meet the Strategic Planning Team

ELAINE ASAL
Gensler

PATRICIA NOBRE
Gensler

ERIN CORCORAN
Gensler

HOLLY JIN
Gensler

MARGARET SULLIVAN
Margaret Sullivan Studio

SAMPRITI SHETH
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KIM ZABLUD
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JADE ESPLIN
Margaret Sullivan Studio

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Roadmap

Steering Group Monthly Meetings (Virtual)

Project Work

BPL Leadership + Senior Managers

BPL Staff

All Staff

Board of Trustees

Chair of the Board

Community Stakeholders

City of Boston Leadership

Strategic Planning Committee

BPL Fund, LMEC (Leventhal Map and Education Center), and the Associates

Current State Evaluation

Site Visit

Best Practice

Analytics

Framework Development

Strategic Plan and Statement

Marketing Plan and Comm Playbook

Phases:

Phase 1: A Vision (4 Months)

- Workshop #1 Leadership & Staff: Imagine the library of our future. Creating a foundation for BPL’s Vision
- Workshop #2 Staff: Who are we designing with and why? Deepening learnings about our communities
- Engagement #1: About the process: Deepening the vision. Board Members to be invited

Phase 2: A Plan (3 Months)

- Workshop #3 Leadership & Staff: Making sense of findings and research to establish future opportunities
- Workshop #4 Leadership & Staff: Activating the framework for future experiences
- Engagement #2: About the communities: Understanding what we are learning

Phase 3: Implementation

- Workshop #5 Leadership & Staff: Implementation strategies for launching the strategy
- Engagement #3: About the strategy: Living the Framework
- Engagement #4: About the NOT: How we will champion the Plan

*Naming and format of the Board of Trustees meeting is to be confirmed by Steering Committee
*Exact timing of community engagement is to be confirmed by Steering Committee
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Updated on 02/28/2024
Questions
APPROVAL OF VOTES
Emily Tokarczyk, Chief Financial Officer

1. e-Rate MBLN Core Network Switch Replacement (BPL)
   Keith Gillette, Chief Technology Officer

   VOTED: “that, the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve a three-year contract not to exceed Two hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents ($224,550.26) with ePlus Technology, Inc of 13595 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon, VA 20171.”

2. Security Guard Contract
   Allie Saccoh, Safety & Stewardship Program Manager

   VOTED: “that, the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve a three-year contract in the amount of Five Million Six Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents ($5,691,987.60) with Allied Universal Security Services, 580 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118, for guard and patrol services for the entire BPL System per the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) specifications.”
New Business

Priscilla H. Douglas, Chair
Public Comment

• People will be chosen in the order they were received and allowed 2 minutes to speak.

• The Moderator will unmute your mic when you are called on.

• Comments made in the Zoom chat during the meeting will not be acknowledged.

• If follow up is required, please send your contact email or phone number to the Clerk of the Board at pcarver@bpl.org
MEETING SCHEDULE:

Board of Trustees Annual Meeting
May 21, 2024, at 8:30am, Central Library

Executive Committee Meeting
June 4, 2024, at 8:30am via Zoom