

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

**Meeting of the Trustees Governance and Development Committee
Friday, May 16, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
via Zoom**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Boston Public Library (“BPL”) Trustees Governance and Development Committee (“Committee”) was held on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Members present at the meeting: Committee Chair, John Hailer, Navjeet Bal, Cheryl Cronin, and David Leonard. Christian Westra and Lynn Perry Wooten was absent. Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board, staff, and members of the public were also present.

Mr. John Hailer presided and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. He read the EDI statement. The Clerk reminded all that the meeting was being recorded for administrative purposes and the process to sign up for public comment. A roll call was taken and determined there was a quorum.

The first matter of business was review and approval of the Minutes of the March 31, 2025 meeting. With no comments or edits suggested, a motion was duly made, seconded, and approved of the minutes.

Mr. Hailer presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year. Dr. Ray Liu as Chair, Evelyn Arana as Vice Chair, and Pamela Carver as Clerk. There were no comments or concerns, and they voted to approve the recommended slate of officers for the Board’s approval at the Annual Meeting on May 20th.

Next, Mr. Hailer addressed the appointments and reappointments of trustees. He noted there were five trustees whose terms expired on May 1st, 2025: Navjeet Bal, Joe Berman, Cheryl Cronin, Senator Mike Rush, and Christian Westra. Mayor Wu had not yet finalized appointments. Per the by-laws, a trustee may serve in a holdover tenure until their successor is chosen, or they are reappointed. He noted that all 5 trustees have agreed to serve in this interim phase until a Mayoral determination has been made.

Mr. Leonard noted that this was not unprecedented for the Board to continue with several holdovers.

Mr. Hailer called for new business and public comment for which there was none. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela R. Carver, Clerk of the Board