

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Annual Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation (Third Meeting)

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Boston Public Library, Commonwealth Salon
Central Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston as a Corporation was held in the Commonwealth Salon, Central Library, Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 10:15 a.m.

Present at the meeting were: Chair Robert Gallery, Trustees: Zamawa Arenas, Cheryl Cronin, John Hailer, Paul LaCamera, Rep. Byron Rushing, and newly appointed incoming Trustee, Ben Bradlee. Vice Chair Evelyn Arana-Ortiz and Trustee Carol Fulp were not in attendance. Also present: Boston Public Library Interim President David Leonard, Clerk of the Board Deborah Kirrane, Boston Public Library staff; Corporation Counsel Caroline Driscoll, and members of the public.

Chair, Robert Gallery presided and addressed the agenda's Call to Order and introduced Paul LaCamera, Chair of the Trustees Nominating Committee.

On behalf of the Trustees Nominating Committee, Mr. LaCamera presented the slate of officers for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Robert Gallery for Chair, Evelyn Arana-Ortiz for Vice Chair, and Deborah Kirrane for Clerk of the Board. Mr. LaCamera commended Mr. Gallery for his great leadership and pointed to the many years of service Ms. Arana-Ortiz has provided, especially in leading the Trustees Finance and Audit Committee.

With no other nominations, on a motion made and duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Trustees Nominating Committee recommendation of the Slate of Officers of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston: Robert Gallery, Chair, Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair, and Deborah Kirrane, Clerk of the Board, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Mr. Gallery called for questions concerning the following enabling votes (items three through nine on the order of business): for the signing of payrolls; for the signing of contracts approved by the Board; the acceptance of gifts; the distribution of income; expenditure of Trust Funds; and the requesting of funds from the Boston Public Library Foundation. With no questions, Mr. Gallery recommended that items three through nine on the order of business be voted as a whole.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the following votes were approved collectively:

VOTED: that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Administration and Technology, Chief Financial Officer, or the Clerk of the Corporation be, and hereby are, authorized to sign on behalf of the Corporation, bills, special drafts, and payrolls of the Library;

VOTED: that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Administration and Technology, Chief Financial Officer, or the Clerk of the Corporation be, and hereby are, authorized to sign any and all contracts, except as otherwise authorized, voted to be made by the Board in the name and on behalf of the Corporation and any and all communications in connection with the award of contracts so voted or recommended to be so voted and to authorize payments under contracts so voted;

VOTED: that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Administration and Technology, Chief Financial Officer, or the Clerk of the Corporation be, and hereby are, authorized to accept on behalf of the Trustees gifts, payments made in recognition for the special services rendered, and payments received for the publications and prints executed under library sponsorship and, in connection with the acceptance of the same, to endorse on behalf of the Trustees checks so received, said amounts to be reported to the Board at the September Meeting;

VOTED: that, until the next Annual Meeting, by delegation of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Administration and Technology, Chief Financial Officer, or the Clerk of the Corporation, hereby are, authorized to accept on behalf of the Trustees gifts to be added to funds already established in the General Investment Account, the acceptance of said amounts to be reported to the Board at the meeting following any such acceptance;

VOTED: that, the President, or Chief Financial Officer, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to distribute and pay to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston the income of the General Investment Account for the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; and further,

VOTED: that, the President, or Chief Financial Officer, be and hereby is, authorized to cause to be paid to the Rector of Trinity Church for the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 income on the Children's Fund now held in the custody of the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston pursuant to the provisions of the 11th Clause of the will of Josiah H. Benton, as required by the 19th Clause of said will; and further,

VOTED: that, the President, or Chief Financial Officer, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to cause to be distributed and paid to the Rector of Trinity Church, to be held by said Rector pursuant to the provisions of the 12th Clause of the will of Josiah H. Benton, as defined by the Agreement of Compromise, dated January 15, 1935 and made in connection with the administration of the trust created by such Clause, four-tenths of the income of the Benton Book Fund for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, inclusive, now held in the custody of the Collector-Treasurer of the City of Boston, and to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston the remaining six-tenths of said income for said period to be applied to the purchases provided in said Agreement of Compromise;

VOTED: that, the President, Director of Library Services, Director of Administration and Technology, Chief Financial Officer, or the Clerk of the Corporation, until the next annual meeting, is authorized to spend for the purpose of buying library materials any authorized and proper purpose income from those Trust Funds held by the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, where no specific vote of the Trustees is required by the Trust instrument; and

VOTED: that, the President, or designee, until the next Annual Meeting, is authorized to request funds from the Boston Public Library Foundation earmarked for the Boston Public Library.

With no New Business or Executive Session, the meeting next moved to Public Comment.

Mimi Jones, Friends of the Dudley Library thanked Trustees for their comments regarding outreach of communication into neighborhoods and branches. In addition to staff, communication efforts regarding the BPL should also include library users throughout the City and such communication should move beyond simply the re-opening of Central and continue as an ongoing outreach effort. The BPL should consider other means of free advertising and communication.

Laura Gang, Friends of the Roslindale Library, thanked the Trustees for their support of the Roslindale renovation project. She commended and thanked Jim Meade, Eamon Shelton, Priscilla Foley and urged the Trustees to view branch friends groups as a valuable resource. Members of friends groups are community leaders, effective bridge builders, and are willing to work to promote the BPL.

Marleen Nienhuis, Friends of the South End Branch asked that members of the public be allowed to ask and/or submit questions to candidates for BPL President, and echoed comments by Messes. Jones and Gang. In regard to homelessness, Ms. Nienhuis suggested viewing the populations effected in three parts: 90% of all homeless are homeless for a year or less. They need the resources and services of the library, and comply with the rules. A second group, 10% of the homeless population, are experiencing issues of addiction, suffer from mental illness, or have lewdness issues and need to be approached differently. The third group is the patrons and staff who need to be protected, informed, and made comfortable.

David Vieira, Citywide Friends described branch friends groups as active, concerned, and effective partners. He furthered Ms. Nienhuis' suggestion for public comment as it relates to selection of a BPL president. Mr. Vieira pointed to the benefit of having an accessibility ramp at the entrance of the McKim Building and urged the Trustees to erect a permanent ramp. Mr. Vieira also stated that, in addition to funding provided by Citywide Friends for the laptop lending, Citywide Friends have provided funding for a new portable sound system and recently approved a \$5,000 contribution in support of summer reading programming in the branches.

With no further public comment, the Trustees voted to adjourn the third meeting. The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

President's Office