

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees Executive Committee

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

The meeting of the Boston Public Library (“BPL”) Trustees Executive Committee (“Committee”) was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Committee members present at the meeting included Dr. Ray Liu, Chair, Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair and Trustees: Joe Berman, Cheryl Cronin, John Hailer, Jeff Hawkins and Christian Westra.

Also present were David Leonard, President, Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board, staff, and members of the public.

Dr. Ray Liu, Chair of the Board presided and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those in attendance were reminded that the meeting was being recorded and how to sign up for public comment. He read the Trustees reaffirmation statement, roll call was taken and determined there was a quorum. The first matter of business was approval of the January 30, 2024, meeting minutes. With no edits or comments, the meeting minutes were approved.

Mr. Liu welcomed all to his first official meeting as chair. He noted he would be meeting with the trustees 1:1 to get to know them better in the coming months.

Mr. David Leonard gave an operational update regarding the critical repair contract for the loading dock at the Central Library. He noted the location of the repair required them to shut off the steam system. Additionally, the weather reflected 3 days of humid, 80+ degree days resulting in the need to close the building a few times due to internal temperature levels over an acceptable threshold. He anticipated the steam would be turned back on June 5th. Mr. Leonard explained that the next phase of the repair would not require any adjustments to the steam. The contractors discovered the repairs were worse than expected. They will be doing an after-action report.

Mr. Liu called for new business and public comment, for which there was none.

Next, Mr. Liu asked to enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with a nonunion staff member under Exemption 2 of the MA Open Meeting Law. The clerk noted it would be held immediately following the vote and that the Board will not be reconvening in a public session.

A motion was made, duly seconded, and voted unanimously, via a roll call vote.

VOTED: “that, the Trustees Executive Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to enter into Executive Session.”

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela R. Carver, Clerk of the Board