

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation and Administrative Agency
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
Central Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116
Rabb Hall (Lower Level of Boylston Street Building)

AGENDA

I. Chair's Report

Dr. Ray Liu, Chair

A. Call to Order

1. Acknowledge EDI statement
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Minutes for the May 21, 2024 Annual Meeting

B. Welcome Remarks

1. Introduction of New Trustees
 - i. Julie Kim
 - ii. Jonathan Lavine

II. President's Report

David Leonard, President

A. Introduction of New Managers

- Judah Hamer, Human Resources Manager
- Nicole Santiago, Manager of Research Services
- Audrey Wynne, Legal Liaison/Policy Advisor

B. Room Dedication Proposals

1. Grove Hall - Mimi Jones, Civil Rights Advocate/Long-time BPL Friend Member
Richard Kort, President of Friends of Grove Hall Branch & Celia Contelmo, Grove Hall Branch Librarian

VOTED: "that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the proposal to rename the Mezzanine Community Room at the Grove Hall Branch the *Mimi Jones Community Room.*"

2. Jamaica Plain- Barbara Rhodes, Children's Librarian at Jamaica Plain Branch
Don Haber, President of Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch

VOTED: "that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the proposal to rename the Children's Room at the Jamaica Plain Branch the *Barbara Rhodes Children's Room.*"

C. Governance Updates

1. Management Discussion & Analysis Report
David Leonard and Lisa Pollack, Chief of Communications
2. Vacancies Status
3. Capital Projects
4. Safety & Security
5. Shattuck Award Winner, *Tracy Wiggins, Special Library Assistant at Roxbury Branch*

III. Strategic Planning Committee

Chrisian Westra, Committee Chair and David Leonard, President

- A. Review of Mission, Values, and Timeline
Erin Corcoran & Patricia Nobre, Gensler

IV. Trustees Finance and Audit Committee

*Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Chair
Emily Tokarczyk, Chief Financial Officer*

- A. Approval of Boston Public Library Draft Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Boston Public Library’s Draft Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.”

V. Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee

Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Chair

- A. Review of Program Grant Selections for FY25

VI. New Business

VII. Public Comment

Please sign up for public comment the first 30 minutes of the meeting to support effective time management. On occasion, additional public comments on matters formally on the agenda may be allowed at the discretion of the Chair, and time allowing. Members of the public are also reminded that comments may alternatively be submitted in writing to the Clerk for distribution to the Trustees.

VIII. Adjournment

Dr. Ray Liu, Chair

**Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Mattapan Branch (Subject to change, please see website for details)*

Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston

*Dr, Ray Liu, Chair; Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Vice Chair,
Navjeet Bal, Joe Berman, Jim Canales, Cheryl Cronin, John Hailer, Jeff Hawkins, Julie Kim, Jonathan Lavine,
Jose C. Masso III, Porsha Olayiwola, Senator Mike Rush, Christian Westra, and Lynn Perry Wooten*

*President, David Leonard
Clerk of the Board, Pamela R. Carver*

This is an open meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

***In-person: Must enter via 230 Dartmouth Street Entrance before 9:00 a.m.,
Entry not permitted before 8:15a.m.***

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