

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON
Special Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation and Administrative Agency
Friday, December 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
MINUTES

The Meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston (“BPL”) held on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Present at the meeting included: Chair, Dr. Ray Liu, Vice Chair Evelyn Arana Ortiz and Trustees: Joe Berman, Jim Canales, Cheryl Cronin, John Hailer, Jeff Hawkins, Julie Kim, Jose C. Masso III, Porsha Olayiwola, Senator Mike Rush, Christian Westra, and Lynn Perry Wooten. Navjeet Bal and Jonathan Lavine were absent.

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

Chair of the Board, Dr. Ray Liu presided and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. He read the trustees’ reaffirmation statement. The clerk conducted a roll call, confirming a quorum. Everyone was reminded that the meeting was being recorded and provided instructions on how to sign up for public comment.

Dr. Liu introduced the main topic for the meeting, the approval of the Boston Public Library Strategic Plan. He commended all the trustees, staff, and various stakeholders involved for their work in producing a strong and clear strategic plan. There were no questions, so he called for a motion that was duly made, seconded, and approved of the strategic plan as presented.

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve to accept the Boston Public Library Strategic Plan 2025-2030 as presented.”

Next, Ms. Emily Tokarczyk provided an update on the BPL fleet of vehicles purchase. The vote would be for approximately \$350,000. The fleet consists of seven vehicles, including: three vans for book delivery, two large utility trucks for equipment, two passenger cars (considering two hybrid models for the passenger cars, with the other five vehicles to meet state guidelines). Ms. Tokarczyk indicated the vote would be held once the necessary information was finalized.

Ms. Arana Ortiz, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, requested a vote to delegate approval of the fleet purchase to the Finance and Audit Committee. A motion was duly made, seconded, and voted to approve delegation.

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston delegate the vote to approve the vehicle fleet for the BPL to the Finance and Audit Committee.”

Dr. Liu asked for any new business. He announced that the next board meeting had been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 4, 2025, with the time and location remaining unchanged. People were encouraged to check the website for further details.

Dr. Liu called for public comment for which there was none. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Carver

Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board