TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation and Administrative Agency
Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
Boston Public Library, South Boston Branch
646 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127

AGENDA

I. Chair’s Call to Order and Report
   Robert Gallery, Chair
   A. Welcome and Introduction of new Trustees, Jeff Hawkins and Rep. Chynah Tyler
   B. Welcome Remarks
      Jane Bickford, Branch Librarian
      Joseph Kebartas, President of the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library
   C. Review and Approval of Minutes for the Trustees Meetings held on May 14, 2019
   D. Committee Updates
      1. Appointment of Executive Committee members
      2. Appointment of Committee members

II. President’s Report
    David Leonard, President
    A. All Staff Meeting/Library half day closure
    B. Fund for the BPL Gala Report
    C. Amnesty & Elimination of Youth Fines for late Returns
       Michael Colford, Director of Library Services

       VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston authorize the President of the Boston Public Library to proceed with the elimination of fines for youth under the age of eighteen who have a Boston Public Library card and approve the waiving of all existing fines for library cardholders under the age of eighteen.”

    D. Collections Department Updates
       Laura Irmscher, Chief of Collections
       1. Update of Rare Books Department
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       2. Special Update on Prints and Photography Collection
          Beth Prindle, Head of Special Collections
          Dr. Martha Mahard, Project Manager
       3. Vote to accept Bruno Zupan painting gift from Galerie D'Orsay
          Beth Prindle, Head of Special Collections
          Meg Weeks, Curator of Interpretation of BPL Exhibitions & Programming

       VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve to accept artist Bruno Zupan’s painting ‘The Public Gardens at
Twilight’ as a gift from the Galerie D’Orsay on Newbury Street in honor of Mr. Zupan.”

4. Vote to update policy of Special Collections purchases

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library for the City of Boston increase the purchase limits for Special Collections Acquisitions as follows: Objects or Collections valued between $10,000.00 and $24,999.99, shall be made at the Library’s discretion, with administrative approval of the Library President or delegate; Objects or Collections valued between $25,000.00 and $99,999.99, shall be presented to the Special Collections Committee on Acquisitions for Review and Approval, and will subsequently be reported to the Special Collections Committee; and, Objects or Collections valued at $100,000.00 or above shall be reviewed by the Special Collections Committee and brought to the Board of Trustees for final approval.”

III. Trustees Finance and Audit Committee

 John Hailer, Committee Chair
 Ellen Donaghey, Chief Financial Officer

A. Introduction of new City of Boston Analyst, Todd Swisher


Matt Hunt, CliftonLarsonAllen

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, 2019.”

C. Report of “Gifts, Grants, Donations to the Boston Public Library”, Fiscal Year 2019

IV. Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Committee

 Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Chair

A. Program Grant Selections

V. New Business

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

 Robert Gallery, Chair

2019-2020 Trustee Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Central Library
- Thursday, January 30, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Central Library
- Thursday, March 26, 2019, 4:00 p.m., West Roxbury Branch
- Tuesday May 12, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Annual Meeting, Central Library
*All meetings are subject to change*

**Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston**
Robert E. Gallery, Chair; Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair,
Zamawa Arenas, Jabari Asim, Ben Bradlee, Cheryl Cronin, Priscilla Douglas,
Linda Dorcena Forry, John Hailer, Jeff Hawkins, Representative Chynah Tyler

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

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