



BOSTON ATHENAEUM & BOSTON LIBRARY SOCIETY
10 1/2 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

ANNUAL PROPRIETORS' MEETING
Monday, March 24, 2025
5:00 pm

DRAFT Minutes

The Annual Meetings of the Proprietors of the Boston Athenaeum and Boston Library Society were held at 10 1/2 Beacon Street on March 24, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

I. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Timothy W. Diggins welcomed Proprietors and provided a brief overview of the agenda. Mr. Diggins reported that approximately 74 Proprietors were attending in person, and 22 were joining online.

Arthur B. Page, Secretary of the Athenaeum, reported that 66 proxies had been received for the meeting, and he declared a quorum present for the Annual Meeting of Proprietors of the Boston Athenaeum.

Mr. Page, Secretary of the Boston Library Society, then reported that 7 Proprietors were attending in person, and he declared a quorum present for the Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Boston Library Society.

Mr. Diggins noted that draft minutes of the March 2024 Annual Meeting of Proprietors had been distributed with the meeting materials. He asked if there was any discussion. There being none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Proprietors

VOTED to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, Annual Meeting of the Proprietors

II. NOMINATING & GOVERNANCE REPORT

Nancy Maull, Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee, proposed the nominees for the election of Officers at the meeting. Mr. Diggins asked if there was any discussion. There being none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Proprietors

VOTED to approve the election of the following Officers, each to serve in accordance with the By-Laws:

Election of Officers

Timothy W. Diggins, *President*

Susan B. Weatherbie, *First Vice President*

Melissa Fetter, *Second Vice President*

Javier Cevallos, *Treasurer*

Arthur B. Page, *Secretary*

Ms. Maull noted that there were two nominees for election to the Board of Trustees for a first term, Ms. Annie MacLachlan Lewis and Mr. George B. Raine. Ms. Maull shared biographical information about Ms. Lewis and Mr. Raine and introduced them to the Meeting. Mr. Diggins asked if there was any discussion. There being none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Proprietors

VOTED to elect Ms. Annie MacLachlan Lewis and Mr. George B. Raine to the Board of Trustees, each to serve in accordance with the By-Laws:

Election of Trustees

Annie MacLachlan Lewis, *first term*

George B. Raine, *first term*

Ms. Maull proposed the slate of Trustees nominated for reelection to three-year terms: Mr. Earl M. Collier, Jr., Mr. Michael Ewald, and Mr. Austin V. Shaphard. Mr. Diggins asked if there was any discussion. There being none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Proprietors

VOTED to re-elect Mr. Earl M. Collier, Jr., Mr. Michael Ewald, and Mr. Austin V. Shaphard to the Board of Trustees, each to serve in accordance with the By-Laws:

Reelection of Trustees:

Earl M. Collier, Jr., *fourth term*

Michael Ewald, *second term*

Austin V. Shaphard, *fourth term*

Mr. Diggins introduced the next item on the agenda, fixing the number of Trustees and the proposed amendment to the By-Laws to increase the maximum number of Trustees of the Boston Athenaeum to 25 from 21.

After discussion, Mr. Page reported votes cast by proxy were overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed amendment to increase the maximum number of Trustees of the Boston Athenaeum to 25 from 21, as were those cast at the meeting. The Proprietors

VOTED to amend the By-Laws to increase the maximum number of Trustees of the Boston Athenaeum to 25 from 21 and to fix the number of Trustees at 25

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Mr. Page presented the slate of candidates for election as officers and trustees of the Boston Library Society and asked if there was any discussion. There being none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Proprietors of the Boston Library Society

VOTED to approve the election of the following candidates, each to serve in accordance with the By-Laws:

Election of Officers

Treasurer: Javier Cevallos

Secretary: Arthur B. Page

Audit Committee: Earl M. Collier, Jr., Roger Haynes

Election of Trustees

Javier Cevallos (*holds dual office*)

Earl M. Collier, Jr. (*holds dual office*)

Timothy W. Diggins

Melissa Fetter

Roger Haynes (*holds dual office*)

Arthur Page (*holds dual office*)

Creelea H. Pangaro

Amy Ryan

Austin V. Shapard

Susan B. Weatherbie

Mr. Diggins and Ms. Rosovsky each then addressed the Meeting, discussing a number of financial, operational, and other matters, and answering questions posed by Proprietors.

The formal meeting concluded.

Ms. Rosovsky introduced Michelle LeBlanc, the Athenaeum's Director of Education who shared highlights of our new free digital guide, Bloomberg Connects.

Ms. Rosovsky introduced John Buchtel, Head of Special Collections and Curator of Rare Books, who discussed several new acquisitions by the Athenaeum and answered questions from the Proprietors.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm ET