

# TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees as a Corporation and Administrative Agency  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.  
via [Zoom](#)

## AGENDA

**RECEIVED**

By City Clerk's Office at 2:20 pm, Mar 17, 2026

### 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 January 20, 2026 Meeting

### II. President's Report

*David Leonard, President*

#### A. Strategic Plan Update

#### B. Director of Library Services Update

*Michael Colford, Director of Library Services*

#### C. Social Services for Vulnerable Population

*Michael Colford, Director of Library Services, Anna Fahey-Flynn, Central Library Manager and Taylor Morris, Social Work Manager*

#### D. Exhibitions Updates

*Beth Prindle, Director of Research & Special Collections*

### III. Finance and Audit Committee

*Evelyn Arana, Committee Chair*

#### A. FY27 Budget Update

*Emily Tokarczyk, Chief Financial Officer*

#### B. Vote to accept Open AI Pilot Program Gift

*Jessica Chapel, Chief of Digital & Online Services*

***VOTED: "that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston. acting pursuant to their authority under Section 2 of Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1878, as amended, hereby accept a gift of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000) from OpenAI Opco, LLC ("OpenAI") of 1455 3rd St, San Francisco, CA 94158 to support digitization projects by the Boston Public Library."***

### IV. Proposed Board of Trustees 2026-2027 Schedule

#### Full Board:

- Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 8:30am-10:30am, Central Library
- Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 3:00pm-5pm, Codman Square Branch
- Tuesday, January 19, 2027, 3:00pm-5:00pm, Adams Street Branch
- Tuesday, March 16, 2027, 8:30am-10:30am, Central, Rabb Hall

*Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board 03.10.26*

- Tuesday, May 18, 2027, 8:30am-11:00am, Annual Meeting, Central Library

**Executive Committee Only:**

- Tuesday, February 2, 2027, 8:30-9:30am (via Zoom only)
- Tuesday, June 8, 2027, 8:30-9:30am (via Zoom only)

***VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to accept the schedule of meetings for 2026-2027 as presented, noting that these meetings are subject to change (see website for details).”***

**V. New Business**

**VI. Public Comment**

*Please sign up for public comments within 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 permits. Comments may alternatively be submitted in writing to the Clerk for distribution to the Trustees no less than 24 hours in advance.*

**VII. Vote for Executive Session**

*Dr. Ray Liu, Chair*

\* The purpose is to conduct litigation strategy if an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the body's position, as declared by the chair; under exemption #2 of MA Open Meeting Law.

***VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve to enter into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss litigation strategy under Exemption #2 of MA Open Meeting Law.”***

*\*Executive Session will be held at the conclusion of the public meeting. The Board of Trustees will not reconvene in a public session.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

*Dr. Ray Liu, Chair*

*\*Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at the Central Library  
(Subject to change, please see website for details)*

**Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston**

Dr. Ray Liu, Chair; Evelyn Arana, 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***

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