



Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Nominating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – 2:00-3:00pm

This meeting occurred via Zoom Video Conference due to suspension of the provision of the Open Meeting Law requiring an in-person quorum by an order signed by Governor Charles Baker on March 12, 2020 due to COVID-19

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Brad Snyder, Rebecca Lee, John Shea, Doug Husid, Roberstone Goodridge

Board Members Absent:

Conservancy Staff Present: Chris Cook, Alex Rogers Pittman, Lanie Kropp

Invited Guests Present:

Open Session

Nominating Committee Chair Brad Snyder called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present via Zoom at 2:03 pm.

1. Mr. Snyder welcomed all to the meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021 meeting of the Nominating Committee. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by Doug Husid, the minutes were unanimously approved.**
2. Mr. Snyder called for a motion to enter Executive Session to conduct preliminary screening of candidates for Board membership. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by John Shea, the Committee unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.**

Executive Session

3. The Committee discussed the board seats that will need to be filled in the next calendar year, reviewing their end dates and which candidates are eligible to recommit for a second term. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by Doug Husid, the Committee unanimously voted to nominate Rosalind Gorin, Deniz Johnson, Carmine Guarino, Brad Snyder, John Shea to renew their terms.**

4. The Committee discussed the BID's choice for a candidate to fill David Wilkinson's seat. Mr. Snyder provided Mr. Cook with the following draft for language to be used at the December board meeting:

In accordance with Section 7 of the **Funding Services Agreement**, dated November 6, 2018 by and between the "**BID**" (as defined therein) and the "**Conservancy**" (as defined therein) (the "**Agreement**") , the BID has designated in its sole discretion (and confirmed said decision in writing to the Conservancy), that _____ shall be one of its two (2) "**Bid Corp Appointees**" (as defined in the Agreement).

In accordance with Section 7.3 of the Agreement, the Bid Corp Appointee shall have all of the duties and responsibilities of the Conservancy's Board of Directors and shall be subject to all policies adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Therefore, the Nominating Committee of the Conservancy hereby makes a motion to the full Board of Directors to appoint and confirm _____ as the Bid Corp Appointee to the Conservancy Board of Directors, and said appointment shall be effective as of December __, 2021 (with a term of _ Years).

5. **Upon a motion made by Doug Husid and seconded by John Shea, the Committee unanimously voted to accept the BID's appointment of Jenny Morse to fill David Wilkinson's seat.**
6. The Committee discussed the background and skill sets of Hilina Ajakaiye, Executive Vice President of the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, as a candidate for the open Conservancy seat. Mr. Cook and Mr. Snyder expressed being extremely impressed with Ms. Ajakaiye after meeting with her, mentioning that her skills and expertise are very aligned with the Conservancy's goals, particularly in regards to connecting with vulnerable communities and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Mr. Husid and Ms. Lee expressed an interest in meeting Ms. Ajakaiye before the December board meeting, and Mr. Cook agreed to schedule a date. **Upon a motion made by Rebecca Lee and seconded by John Shea, the board unanimously voted to nominate Hilina Ajakaiye for the Conservancy Seat.**
7. Mr. Cook spoke about the role of non-voting advisors in the Investment Committee. The Committee agreed that anyone in these two positions should be required to sign ethics agreements and go through the nominating and approval process, and they discussed the experience and affiliations of candidates to fill the advisor roles. Mr. Cook shared that he and Director of Administration & Finance Tracey Cooke will work towards formalizing job descriptions, terms, and expectations for committee advisors.
8. At 2:50 Roberstone Goodridge joined the meeting.
9. The committee further discussed the process of filling future board seats. Upon a suggestion by Ms. Lee, the committee agreed to meet every other month for at least the first six months of 2022 due to the high number of board seats that will need to be filled

in the next year. Mr. Snyder expressed interest in growing and changing the makeup of the Nominating Committee for next year.

Upon a motion made by Doug Husid and seconded by John Shea, the Committee unanimously voted to leave Executive Session.

Open Session

1. Brad Snyder thanked everyone for a great discussion and reflected on the votes made and conditions that must happen before the next board meeting. Doug confirmed that he will put the appropriate items on the agenda for the board meeting,
2. No members of the public were present for comments.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Nomination Committee meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Doug Husid and seconded by Rebecca Lee at 3:06 pm.