

Rose Kennedy Greenway Nominating Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Rebecca A. Lee, Hilina Ajakaiye, Conan Harris

Committee Members Not Present: Jesse Hughes

Conservancy Staff Present: Alex Rogers Pittman, Chris Cook, David Delena, Bwiza Kironyo

Invited Guests Present: N/A

Members of the Public Present: N/A

Open Session

1. Rebecca Lee welcomed all to the meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2024 Nominating Committee meeting. Upon a motion made by Hilina Ajakaiye and seconded by Conan Harris, the minutes were unanimously approved at 2:05 pm.
2. Rebecca Lee called for a motion to enter Executive Session to conduct preliminary screening of candidates for Board membership. Upon a motion made by Ajakaiye and seconded by Harris, the Committee unanimously voted to enter Executive Session.
3. Rebecca Lee shared that there is a preliminary approval from the Governor's office for Chris Loh to be nominated to the Governor's seat, and a vote will take place at the next board meeting. Chris Cook shared that Loh will be a great addition to the Board given his marketing background and history with M&T Bank, which has supported the Conservancy through grants and park activations.
4. There was consensus that Luz Arregoces is an excellent nominee for the EOEEA seat and to vote for her nomination at the upcoming board meeting.
5. The committee discussed several candidates for the upcoming RKGK board seat. Samira Ahmadi and Giulio Caperchi were identified as priorities for their active involvement, professional expertise, diverse perspectives, and philanthropic giving.
6. Lee also reminded the Committee that the seats for the Chinatown groups and State Representative will term out at the end of this year. The committee will approach current board members for suggestions to fill these upcoming vacancies effectively. The committee also reflected on diversity and fundraising potential from incoming nominees. Diverse board members bring varied perspectives that enhance decision-making, reflect the community's demographics, and strengthen relationships with diverse stakeholders, ultimately improving organizational credibility. Candidates with strong philanthropic backgrounds, diverse board representation, and existing relationships with potential

donors can enhance the organization's fundraising efforts, attract a broader donor base, and improve community engagement by facilitating access to funding opportunities.

7. The committee discussed a clerical error that was made with Jenny Harding's term when she joined the board in December 2021. Jenny replaced Dave Wilkinson on our board when he left the Business Improvement District. Our past and current practice is that new board members are appointed for full terms when they join the Conservancy. This wasn't the case with Jenny's initial vote. So in light of current and past practice, our bylaws, and Jenny's extraordinary service, the nominating committee agreed to call for a motion to extend Jenny Harding's term to December 31, 2027 at the next board meeting.
8. The Committee inquired about the current process to onboard new board members and asked staff to continue to formalize.
9. **Upon a motion made by Lee and seconded by Ajakaiye, the Committee unanimously voted to exit the Executive Session.**

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10. No members of the public were present.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Nomination Committee meeting was adjourned, upon a motion made by Lee and seconded by Ajakaiye at 2:57 pm.