

Notice of Public Meeting

Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Board of Directors
February 3, 2026, 5:30PM – 7:30PM

This meeting will be held in a hybrid format. There will be in-person attendance at

MassDOT District 6
First Floor Conference Room
185 Kneeland Street
Boston, MA 02111

Greenway Board In Person: Hilina Ajakaiye, Michael Carragher, Kathryn Friedman, Rory Harrington, Kirsten Hoffman, Midori Morikawa, Tom O'Brien, Jenny Harding, Jessica Hughes, Samari Ahmadi, Anita Yip, Susanne Lavoie, Luz Arregoces

Greenway Board on Zoom: Jennifer Fang, Michael Bonetti, Chris Loh, Matt Conti

Greenway Board not present: Conan Harris, Susanne Lavoie

Greenway Staff In Person: Chris Cook, David Dalena, Brian Gibbons, Bwiza Kironyo, Audrey Lopez, Alex Rogers-Pittman, Bob Stigberg

Greenway On Zoom: Caleb Friday, Eileen Ong

Open Session:

1. Hilina Ajakaiye called the meeting to order at 5:41pm and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors. **Upon a motion made by Jessica Hughes and seconded by Michael Carragher, the minutes were unanimously approved.**

The board welcomes Anita Yip and Sahmari Ahmadi to the Greenway Board of Directors.

2. Chris Cook shared executive director updates with the board. The executive updates included: 2026 Event Preparation, Winthrop Square Trust Advocacy, Reggie Wong Park Fundraising, Sponsorship Growth, Operations Upgrades and Board Governance.

The Conservancy is preparing for increased public activity in 2026 with key partnerships and funding strategies finalized to support expanded programming and maintenance. The Greenway Business Improvement District and City of Boston will jointly address increased foot traffic and cleaning needs due to the FIFA Fan Festival on City Hall Plaza and Sail Boston events, confirmed for 2026. Advocacy is underway to extend the City of Boston's Trust, which currently funds Greenway operations and sunsets in 2028. Reggie Wong Park fundraising has surpassed the \$2 million mark towards a \$3 million goal, aiming to complete construction in 2026

3. Alex Rogers Pittman and Mike Carragher shared Development Committee updates: Development efforts have gained strong momentum with major sponsorships secured and targeted outreach underway to expand financial support.

M&T Bank committed an exclusive sponsorship for the Greenway food truck program running April through December 2026, including mentorship and financial literacy training for food truck partners and staff.

Eversource renewed a smaller-scale sponsorship focused on family-friendly engagement, including a bucket truck event with 30 volunteers for children's activities.

Block by Block will open the carousel for a weekday in early April for their conference attendees and the general public, coinciding with Autism Acceptance Month for an autism-friendly day.

The 2026 gala is progressing well with co-chairs and honorees announced; sponsorships are rapidly growing with a critical deadline on March 6 for inclusion on invitations and banners.

4. FARMC notes that the year-end financials are on track for a break-even result in 2025, with books closing on schedule and audit preparation underway. Highlighting steady financial performance despite a busy operational period. The break-even status reflects disciplined budgeting amid expanding programming and capital projects. Future financial reports will provide detailed insights into budget allocations and fund utilization.

Upon a motion made by Jessica Hughes and seconded by Hilina Ajakaiye, the Board unanimously approved the procurement to hire design communications LTD.

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Board unanimously approved the procurement to hire Corbett for the irrigation system installation.

5. The nominating committee shares that the board is prioritizing succession planning with several member seats turning over in 2026 and 2027, aiming for a full board by Q1 2026. Proactive recruitment is critical to maintain diverse and engaged governance.

Upon a motion made by Jessica Hughes and seconded by Kirsten Hoffman, Sherry Dong was appointed unanimously to the Chinatown South Cove Neighborhood Council Seat.

6. Audrey Lopez and Eileen Ong share updates within the Programs and Public Art.

7. Robert Stigberg shares updates on ongoing park maintenance including: The Business Improvement District is funding critical turf and irrigation repairs, coordinated with the \$4 million MassDOT construction project, using a sole-source vendor experienced in water conservation. Plans for the Supplemental Services Request for Proposal (RFP) are set for August 2026 issuance to re-bid contracts for ambassador services, snow removal, and lawn care, splitting the contract to encourage specialized bids.

8. Upon a motion made by Ajakaiye the board moves into executive session.

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9. There were no questions or comments from the public.

10. Upon a motion made by Jessica Hughes and seconded by Kirsten Hoffman, the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.