



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Nominations and Bylaws Committee Meeting
Tuesday January 13, 2026 – 3:00 pm by Webex

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Gary Prado (Chair), Ilissa Povich, Sandy Lish

Trustee Lish arrived at 3:05 pm.

STAFF PRESENT: Karen Britton, Executive Director, Office of the President; Henry Lopez, Director of End User Services; David Podell, President; Mike Lyons, Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Officer

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Chair Prado called the meeting to order and declared that a quorum was present.

MARCH 27, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

Chair Povich moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2025, meeting, and Trustee Prado seconded. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Trustee Povich – YES; Trustee Prado – YES.

BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Povich reported that General Counsel Gina Yarbrough is stepping down in the fall. President Podell is chairing the search committee for her replacement. President Podell noted that the only communication received from General Counsel Yarbrough regarding the Bylaws has been related to the Chair Emeritus/ae position, and he will reach out to her again about the questions previously posed by Chair Povich and Committee Chair Prado.

Committee Chair Prado reported that the Trustee demographics grid has been updated and is included in the binder.

Chair Povich noted that Trustee Choate's first term is expiring this year, and he would like to serve a second term.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Committee Chair Prado stated that he has determined that continuing the meeting in open session would be detrimental to the College in obtaining qualified candidates for the Board of Trustees. Trustee Povich moved to move into the Executive Session meeting, and Trustee Lish seconded.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Trustee Lish – YES; Trustee Povich – YES; Trustee Prado – YES.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 3:16 pm.

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9/29/26

Gary Prado, Committee Chair
MassBay Board of Trustees

Date