

## **Minutes**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting for March 4, 2025**

#### **Location: Hybrid**

**Attendees:** Karen Kosko, Maria McCauley, Carson McGrath, Liz Werby, Michael Baenen, Irene Monroe, Risa Mednick, and Jim Roosevelt.

**1. Public Comment:** None

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Chair Jim Roosevelt opened the floor for corrections or comments to the minutes from February 4, 2025. No corrections were made, and the minutes passed unanimously.

**3. Library Updates:**

Director Maria McCauley shared updates to the Board of Trustees. She confirmed the Board's meeting with the Boston Medical Library to discuss the Tiedemann Collection on Tuesday, April 15. Senior Librarian Alyssa Pacy will join as well. Next, Director McCauley went into detail on the status of talks between the Cambridge Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Cambridge Public Library on a merger. Both groups have been meeting with Maureen Sullivan, librarian and consultant, to explore the feasibility of merging. After several group meetings, it was determined the organizations will not merge at this time. Since then, a subset of members of the Foundation and Friends have been meeting with Maureen to explore a two-lane approach for organization between the groups. The Trustees discussed how best to assist Maria in supporting the Foundation and Friends during these conversations.

Director McCauley shared recent updates on library programs and services. The All-Gender restroom at the Main Library was opened to the public on February 28. The Library is hosting the "Our Path Forward" Lecture series, which invites experts to discuss issues involving our shared democracy. On Monday, February 26, the Library welcomed author Valeria Luiselli as part of the latest installment in the series. Maria noted the Youth Services team held a pop-up art exhibition in the Teen Room that featured works by Cambridge native Barbara Ward Armstrong, well-known for her life-sized African-inspired multi-textured fabric sculptures. Lastly, the Trustees inquired on updates from Maria on her American Library Association President campaign.

Jim raised a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was unanimously agreed upon.