

TRUSTEES OF FORBES LIBRARY
Special Meeting of November 18, 2021

Present: Ms. Buckhout, Mr. Carrier, Ms. Downing, Ms. Hess, Ms. Moss, Ms. Prabhaker, Ms. Sheirer, Mr. Twarog, and Ms. Wight.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, this meeting was held using remote participation via Zoom teleconferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Amend By-Laws of the Trustees of Forbes Library

Ms. Downing said that the purpose of the special meeting is to bring the current Forbes by-laws into agreement with the new city charter. The city's charter revisions include the following section about Forbes that was signed off by the Governor in August and went into effect immediately. The full text of the amended charter is available at <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3995>. This is the section pertaining to Forbes.

SECTION 5-1: TRUSTEES UNDER THE WILL OF CHARLES E. FORBES

Five members shall be elected by and from the voters of the city at large for a term of 4 years, so arranged that all members are not elected at the same time. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the board of trustees under the will of Charles E. Forbes, the president of the board shall declare a vacancy and, within 30 days following the date of the vacancy, call a meeting of the trustees to fill the vacancy. The board of trustees shall choose a person to fill the vacancy from among the voters entitled to vote for the office. Persons appointed by the trustees to fill a vacancy shall serve only until the next regular city election, when the office shall be filled by the voters. The candidate elected to an office filled prior to the election shall be sworn to the office immediately and shall serve for the unexpired term of the seat to which the candidate was elected. If the seat to which the candidate was elected would have been on the ballot for the next regular city election notwithstanding the vacancy, the candidate shall be elected for a full 4-year term. No vacancy shall be filled pursuant to this section if a regular city election is to be held within 120 days following the date the vacancy is declared to exist.

Additionally, the trustees discussed approving an amendment to allow the bylaws to be changed at regular board meetings instead of requiring a special meeting. A redlined version of the bylaws showing these changes was distributed to the trustees.

Mr. Twarog made a motion to approve an amendment of the Bylaws of the Trustees of the Forbes Library to reflect the charter change addressing the filling of vacancies mid-term and another amendment to allow by-law changes to be made in regular meetings. Ms. Prabhaker seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Mr. Carrier, Ms. Hess, Ms. Prabhaker, Mr. Twarog, and Ms. Wight all voting in favor.

At 3:48 PM, Ms. Hess moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Twarog seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously with Mr. Carrier, Ms. Hess, Ms. Prabhaker, Mr. Twarog and Ms. Wight all voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.