

GML Director Search Prescreening Committee Meeting Minutes 8/21/25 5:45 PM

Online On Google Meet

Open Meeting called to order at 5:44pm

Roll call: Cheli Mennella, Betty Johnson, Mikaela Whitaker, Ellen Weeks.

Cheli moves that the Prescreening Committee enter into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(8) to review resumes and consider or interview applicants for the position of Library Director, as the Chair of the Prescreening Committee has determined that an open meeting to discuss the qualifications of applicants would have a detrimental effect in obtaining candidates for the position of Library Director. Roll call Vote Required.

Motion seconded by Betty.

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Topics to be Discussed in Executive Session: A. Review and discuss resumes and application materials submitted by candidates. B. Conduct preliminary interviews with applicants as deemed necessary. C. Deliberate and evaluate the qualifications of candidates based on the established criteria for the position. D. Select a list of finalists to be presented to the full Library Board of Trustees for further consideration. The Committee does not intend to return to Open Session.

Public meeting dissolved at 05:47pm.

Meeting reconvened in executive session at 5:49pm via Google Meet to review and discuss resumes and application materials submitted by candidates, conduct preliminary interviews with applicants as deemed necessary, deliberate and evaluate the qualifications of candidates based on the established criteria for the position, and select a list of finalists to be presented to the full Library Board of Trustees for further consideration.

Prescreening committee unanimously voted that top three finalists were Valerie Finkel, Ivan Ussach, and Linda Huebner. Will follow up with references and share recommended finalists with the BOT at next full board meeting.

Executive session ended at 06:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mikaela Whitaker.