



Minutes of the 86th Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, via Zoom conference.

Recorder: Cibeles Rosa

Michael Polowin, Chair of the Board, is presiding.

1. Call to Order

Michael Polowin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

He welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 86th Annual General Meeting (AGM), and explained the use of the Zoom Polling, which will be used by the membership when voting on motions is required.

2. D'var Torah

Michael invited Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg from Temple Israel Ottawa to deliver the D'var Torah.

3. Recognition

Michael acknowledged the virtual presence of members of the board, community Rabbis, agency representatives, friends and families, and past presidents of the Federation and thanked them for attending.

4. Approval of the minutes of the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, held June 19, 2019.

Michael called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 85th Annual General Meeting.

Kevin Barwin **moved, seconded** by Sarah Caspi, to approve the Minutes of the 85th Annual General Meeting held on June 19, 2019. **Carried.**

5. Approval of Auditors and Acts of Officers & Directors

Michael called for a motion to appoint GGFL as auditors for the Jewish Federation of Ottawa for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2021.

Harold Feder **moved, seconded** by Barbara Farber to appoint GGFL as auditors for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2021. **Carried.**

Michael called for a motion to approve the acts of the officers and directors since the June 19, 2019 Annual General Meeting and all acts, contracts, bylaws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors

and Officers are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Karen Palayew **moved, seconded** by Neil Presner to approve the acts of the officers and directors since the June 19, 2019 Annual General Meeting and all acts, contracts, bylaws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. **Carried.**

6. Approval of the Nominating Committee Report

Michael thanked Hartley Stern for all work he has done for the community, then Hartley drew the audience's attention to the Nominating Committee report.

Hartley Stern **moved** to approve the Nominating Committee Report, **seconded** by Debbie Halton Weiss. **Carried.**

7. Student Leadership Award

Hartley introduced and congratulated the two recipients of the Student Leadership Award: Cara Lebenzon and Daniel Kuhnreich.

8. Freiman Family Young Leadership Award and Lawrence Greenberg Young Adult Leadership Award

Hartley introduced and congratulated this year's Freiman Family Young Leadership Award and the Lawrence Greenberg Young Leadership Development award recipient, Adina Libin.

9. Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award

Hartley introduced and congratulated this year's Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award recipients, Sharon & David Appotive.

10. President and CEO's Report

Andrea Freedman provided an update on where the community was at the start of the pandemic and the successful pivots that have occurred throughout the pandemic. Andrea also thank Karen Palayew and Rabbi Reuven Bulka for the success of the annual campaign and on launching the Emergency Campaign for Community Resilience.

11. Chair's Remarks

Michael Polowin congratulated the award winners. He then extended a thank you to everyone for their everyday actions that contribute to building community, especially during the pandemic period.

12. Keynote Speaker: Eric Fingerhut

Michael introduced the special guest speaker Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Eric delivered an inspiring speech, recognizing the extraordinary efforts and successes of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa,

not only during the pandemic but in calmer times as well.

13. Adjournment

Michael called for a motion of adjournment.

Jeff Laks **moved** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Nikki Shapiro. **Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.