



**Jewish Federation of Ottawa
Board of Directors Meeting**

Summary of Discussion for
the community

Wednesday, June 07, 2023

Board Meeting

In Attendance: Leila Ages, Kevin Barwin, Harold Feder, Jeff Laks, Marina Milyavskaya, Karen Palayew, Gillian Presner, Alice Retik, Ian Sherman, Jacob Shabinsky, Marci Surkes and Gary Viner.

Staff: Pauline Colwin, Andrea Freedman, Rena Garshowitz and Mark Gruner.

Recorder: Sabrina Vitoriano.

I: Welcome – Ian Sherman

Ian welcomed Board members and called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Ian Sherman

Ian called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10th, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Karen Palayew

Second: Jeff Laks

Motion carried

III: Allocation Recommendations – Kevin Barwin

Ian invited Kevin to present the Allocation Recommendations. Kevin highlighted some of the key points noted in the report, circulated ahead of the meeting. All questions posed by the board were answered to their satisfaction.

Kevin made a motion to approve the Allocation recommendations as presented.

Moved: Kevin Barwin

Second: Jeff Laks

Motion carried

IV: Jewish Journey Recommendations – Kevin Barwin

Kevin presented the Jewish Journey Funding Recommendations. He summarized the content of the document, circulated ahead of the meeting and answered questions.

Ian thanked Kevin, Anne Read and Sarah Beutel for their hard work. Kevin made a motion to approve the Jewish Journey recommendations as presented.

Moved: Kevin Barwin

Second: Marina Milyavskaya

Motion carried

V: Operating Budget – Mark Gruner

Ian invited Mark to present the Operating Budget. As the document was circulated in the board package, Mark highlighted the main points and answered questions from board members. The new format was very well received.

Ian thanked Mark, Harold and the Finance team for their work and called for a motion to approve the Operating Budget.

Moved: Harold Feder

Second: Jacob Shabinsky

Motion carried

VI: President's Report – Andrea Freedman

Ian invited Andrea to present the President's Report, who provided the following updates to the report previously circulated to the board:

- OCDSB's Jewish Equity Coach, Brian Kom, has started his work this week and is meeting with David Sachs;
- Yesterday David Sachs and I had a positive conversation with MP Melissa Lantsman;
- On Monday there was a productive meeting with Police Chief Eric Stubbs;
- On Monday there was also the last scheduled Pop Up Restaurant, which was successful though, unfortunately, many people had to wait for their food.

All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction.

Ian thanked Andrea for her report.

IX: Annual Campaign Report – Ian Sherman

No new updates to what had previously been circulated were provided.

X: Good & Welfare – Ian Sherman

- Tomorrow is the Foundation's AGM and next Wednesday is the Federation's AGM.

The meeting then moved in camera.

VIII: In Camera

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.