

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
August 8, 2022**



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Asikainen, Samantha; Bentley, Cary; Kelly, Paul; Woodland, Julie

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Higgins, Ed; Larrow, Jeff

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kelly at 6:51 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of July 26, 2021**

**MOTION:** (Bentley/Asikainen) To approve the minutes of July 26, 2021 as presented.

Unanimous

**4. Discussion/Action—Trustee Nominations**

The committee discussed the status of members and vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Chairman Kelly stated that all three Trustees whose terms were set to expire in 2022 were willing to renew their term of service.

**MOTION:** (Bentley/Asikainen) To recommend to the Board that Jeff Larrow (Trustee of the Corporation), Walter McGinn (Trustee of the Community), and Philippa Paquette (Trustee of the Community) be renewed for a new six-year term which would expire in 2028.

Unanimous

**5. Discussion/Action—Slate of Officers to be nominated in 2022-2023**

Chairman Kelly stated that all current executive board members were willing to renew their terms of service.

**MOTION:** (Asikainen/Bentley) To recommend to the Board that the current slate of officers will continue to serve in 2022-2023.

President: Mrs. Christine Swenson

Vice-President: Mr. Edwin Higgins, Esq.

Secretary: Mrs. Philippa Paquette

Asst. Secretary: Mr. Hans Rhyhart '89

Treasurer: Ms. Joan Trivella

Asst. Treasurer: Mr. Paul Kelly '69

Unanimous

**6. Other**

It was agreed that having ten Trustees of the Corporation meets the requirement as stated in the bylaws. Chairman Kelly mentioned his desire to take the time to fill Trustee vacancies with additional high-quality individuals, particularly ones that might be classified as Trustees of the Corporation. He appreciated the level of enthusiasm and commitment shown by the great mix of trustees that stepped forward to serve again in 2022-2023.

As indicated by the Board's prior self-assessment and as directed by the Governance Committee, discussion continued about beginning the Nominating Committee's work to identify potential new members and to develop a succession plan. It was agreed to solicit Board feedback via a short survey to gauge the willingness of trustees to

step forward into a variety of greater leadership roles and to generate names of people for the Nominating Committee to interview during the 2022-2023 year.

## **7. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Asikainen/Bentley) To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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