



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

Summary of Discussion

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Board Meeting

In Attendance: Leila Ages, Joelle Assaraf, Kevin Barwin, Jeff Laks, Karen Palayew, Gillian Presner, Alice Retik, Tal Scher, Samantha Sigler, Marci Surkes, Danya Vered, and Adam Zaret

Staff: Pauline Colwin, Mark Gruner, Anne Read, Michel Reznick, Adam Silver

I: Welcome – Karen Palayew

Karen welcomed new CEO Adam Silver, new and returning Board members and the executive staff; in particular Anne Read in her new role as VP of Impact Planning and Allocations and Michael Reznick who has assumed the position of Director of Development.

Karen called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Karen Palayew

Karen clarified that there would need to be in-depth discussions surrounding changing the way the Board calculates the amount of funds to set aside for strategic funding and impact grants.

Karen called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Gillian Presner

Second: Danya Vered

Motion carried

III: Community Census Data & Implications for Local Allocations and Priorities – Anne Read

Karen invited Anne Read to present. Anne reviewed Ottawa Jewish Geography 2021 Census Data and answered all questions to the Board's satisfaction.

Karen thanked Anne for her presentation.

IV: Terms of Reference: Shoah & March of the Living Committee – Anne Read

Karen invited Anne to review the Terms of Reference for the Shoah & March of the Living Committee. Anne advised that as the 2 committees, which were previously separate, had merged into 1 committee, the Terms of Reference for both committees were amalgamated.

All questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

Karen called for a motion to accept the amalgamated Terms of Reference for the Shoah & March of the Living Committee.

Moved: Adam Zaret

Second: Gillian Presner

Motion carried

Karen thanked Anne.

V: President's Report – Adam Silver

Karen invited Adam Silver to present the President's Report. Adam reviewed the written material and asked if there were any questions.

The Board had a fulsome discussion and all questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

Karen thanked Adam for his update.

VI: Annual Campaign Update – Leila Ages and Gary Viner

Karen invited Leila Ages to provide the Annual Campaign update. Leila shared that the campaign planning and implementation are well under way, with the campaign theme "As One".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.