



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

Summary of Discussion for
the community

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Board Meeting

In Attendance: Leila Ages, Jeff Laks, Marina Milyavskaya, Karen Palayew, Gillian Presner, Alice Retik Jacob Shabinsky, Ian Sherman, and Danya Vered

Staff: Sarah Beutel, Pauline Colwin, Rena Garshowitz, Micah Garten, and Mark Gruner

Recorder: Sabrina Vitoriano

I: Welcome – Karen Palayew

Karen welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Karen Palayew

Karen called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Danya Vered

Second: Jeff Laks

Abstention: Ian Sherman, who was not present.

Motion carried

III: Annual Legislation Compliance Review – Mark Gruner

Karen asked Mark to present the Annual Legislation Compliance Review. Mark summarized the document, and the board had no questions.

IV: Federation Budget Approval for FY25 – Mark Gruner

Karen asked Mark to present the Federation Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. As the document was circulated in the board package, Mark highlighted the main points and answered questions from board members.

Karen asked Jacob, as Treasurer, to call for a motion to approve the Federation Budget for FY25.

Moved: Jacob Shabinsky

Second: Gillian Presner

Motion carried

Karen thanked Mark, Jacob and the Finance team for their work.

V: President's Report – Sarah Beutel

Karen invited Sarah to present on the President's Report, who provided some updates based on the questions raised by the board.

VI: Campaign Update – Leila Ages

Karen invited Leila to present the Campaign Update. She said that Campaign 2024 currently stands at just under \$5 million.

Sarah informed the board this is Micah's last board meeting. Sarah, Karen, and Gillian thanked Micah for his years of dedicated service to Federation and Foundation, praised Micah's work over the past many years and wished him all the best.

VII: CIJA Strategic Plan – Shimon Fogel

Karen welcomed Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) and invited him to present on CIJA's Draft Strategic Plan that includes a request for additional funding. Shimon explained the role of CIJA and its relationship with Federations. He highlighted the key points noted in the document circulated ahead of the meeting, pointing its benefits and the implications to the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. All questions were answered to the board's satisfaction.

Karen thanked Shimon for his presentation and taking his time to be there.

The board then had a healthy discussion and deferred the decision, so the absent members of the board can participate in the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.