



Minutes of Friday March 8th 2024 – Special Meeting

Location: Zoom Time: 10:00 AM

In Attendance: Masum Hossain (Chair), George Kalamaris (Vice Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Jonathan Repasch and Audrey Swartz (Coordinator)

Regrets: Sylvio Rodriguez, Olumide Olatoye, Omar Warsame, Councillor Nunziata (Ward 5, York South-Weston)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with quorum at 10:05 AM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the coordinator interviews and executive recommendation.

Eight preliminary interviews were conducted and two were chosen for a second Interview; Nicole Macina and Mario Palmer. The conclusion felt by the executives was that Mario was the best candidate for the position.

Mario is currently employed at the York-Eglinton BIA, so will need to give two weeks' notice. He felt Weston BIA is more organized, has more business and community engagement. Wants to bring his skills to continue our efforts.

It was clarified that all candidates were reminded the position is temporary for 14 months, and everyone knew and understood that. They also made sure they understood weekend and evening work may be required.

Both Mario and Nicole came prepared and reviewed the work package provided. Mario demonstrated he could jump into the position faster than Nicole, based on his experience. This will make training by Audrey easier.

All candidates held current positions and required two weeks' notice at current workplace. It was confirmed that Mario wouldn't have an issue to commute to the BIA.

Motion: To send job offer letter to Mario Palmer

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** Peter Kalamaris

Carried 03-08-01

Planning to invite Mario, once he accepts the position, to join the board meeting next week briefly for an opportunity to meet everyone.

Will be sending the offer letter today, expected start date is March 25th. He will be doing some remote work for York-Eglinton until end of March, on his own time. Other candidates will be notified upon his acceptance. Masum will call him as well.

Meeting Adjournment: Masum called the meeting to a close at 10:27 AM.

Minutes Approved By:

Suri Weinberg-Linsky
Chair, Masum Hossain Board Member

July 17 / 25
Date

- ☐ ~~Vice-Chair, George Kalamaris~~
☐ Secretary, Peter Kalamaris

July 9 2025
Date