

BOLT Committee Assignments with Charges

Public Library of Brookline Board of Trustees, FY 2026–2027

Executive Committee

Members: Goleman (Chair), Chanyasulkit (Vice-Chair), Lohe (Treasurer), Hung (Secretary)

Charge: The Executive Committee acts on behalf of the full Board between regular meetings on time-sensitive matters, sets Board meeting agendas, coordinates with the Library Director on administrative issues, serves as a steering body to prioritize items for full Board consideration, and performs ceremonial and representational functions on behalf of BOLT.

Library Functions Committee

Members: Burstein (Chair), Silver, Vanderkay, Zelkha

Charge: Review and recommend revisions to library policies as needed, including possible updates related to artificial intelligence; upon receipt of Fall 2026 Space Planning Consultant's report, assist in setting priorities for the board; coordinate field trips to Massachusetts libraries to inform space planning decisions.

Advocacy Committee

Members: Chanyasulkit (Chair), Burstein, Newell, Vogt

Charge: With Library Director (LD) guidance, lead public relations and community outreach efforts in support of the library's strategic planning process; steward the BOLT newsletter and website to keep community members informed; serve as ambassadors of the library with elected officials, town bodies, and the broader Brookline community.

Staff Appreciation Committee

Members: Hung (Chair), Bignami, Newell, Vanderkay

Charge: Plan and execute one annual staff appreciation event celebrating the contributions of Public Library of Brookline employees; coordinate one additional expression of gratitude or acknowledgment on behalf of the Board to recognize staff throughout the year. All efforts should reflect the library's values and foster a culture of warmth, respect, and recognition.

Trustee Development Committee

Members: Vogt (Chair), Bignami, Goleman, Lohe, Silver

Charge: Support the ongoing education, orientation, and professional growth of all BOLT members; identify and encourage qualified candidates to serve as future trustees, with attention to diversity of background, skills, and community representation; coordinate trustee training opportunities including workshops, conferences, and webinars; conduct or facilitate periodic board self-evaluations.

Finance Committee

Members: Lohe (Chair), Bignami, Zelkha

Charge: Working with the Treasurer, gather information to develop the annual budget for each fiscal year; review the draft budget as well as 6-month and final budget reports; provide the full Board with financial analysis and interpretation needed for sound governance decisions.

Investment Sub-Committee

Members: Lohe (Chair), Bignami, Zelkha

Charge: Oversee the management of the BOLT endowment/investment portfolio by State Street Global Advisors

Liaison to the Brookline Library Foundation

Member: Vice-Chair

Liaison to the Commission for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Community

Member: Silver

Edith Pearlman Award Sub-Committee

Members: Silver (Co-Chair); TBD

Charge: Work with the English Department at Brookline High School (BHS) to prepare and present the annual Edith Pearlman Award for the recipient of the BHS creative writing award. Responsibilities include writing the press release, obtaining a nameplate for the award plaque listing all recipients, purchasing copies of Pearlman's books, securing the award check, and presenting the award at the BHS awards ceremony in late April.

Brookline Day Sub-Committee

Members: Goleman (Chair), Newell, Vogt

With Library Director assistance / Event: Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10:00 AM–3:30 PM

Charge: Plan and execute the Public Library of Brookline's participation in Brookline Day, Brookline's annual community celebration; coordinate with the Library Director and town event organizers to design engaging, welcoming library programming and a visible library presence that promotes library services and strengthens community relationships.