



**APRIL 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**THE WILD CENTER**  
**Monday, April 25, 2022**  
**The Penn Club**  
**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

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**Meeting Date:** April 25, 2022

**Location:** The Penn Club, New York City and Zoom

**Trustees Present In Person:** Karen Thomas, Chair, Lynn Fox, Vice Chair, Jack Ryder, Vice Chair, Linda Rosenstock, Secretary, Paul Alioto, Lee Bailey, Terry Birdsong, George Cigale, Kathleen Colson, Sally Hart, Peter Kindler, Juan Rodriguez, Meadow Rutenbar, Virginia Valkenburgh, Lynn Birdsong, Emeritus, Nancy Simpkins, Emeritus

**Trustees Present Virtual:** Joseph Beck, Treasurer, Michael Bettmann, Larry Clifford, David Fadden, Charles Frenette, Richard Godin, Nancy Howard, Elizabeth Lowe, Paul Maroun, Pamela Matt, Brooks Reynolds, John Sammon, Charles Svenson, Joel Treisman

**Advisory Board Members Present In Person:** Ben Ireland, Mary Beth Reiss

**Advisory Board Members Present Virtual:** Martha Bullock, AB Chair, Emily Forbes, Ed Forbes, Robert Gillis, Robin Gosnell, Phuong Ireland, David Jones, Stanley Rumbough, John Sargent, Anna Sommer

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Ratcliffe, Hillarie Logan-Dechene, Robert Kronenberger, Amy Harvey, Robin Ellis

**Invited Guests:** Omar Eaton-Martinez

**1 Administration K. Thomas**

- Meeting called to order at 1:09 PM

**Approve January Minutes**

No edits or additions made to the January Minutes

**Motion to approve January Minutes was duly moved and seconded and unanimously approved**

**Board Chair Report K. Thomas**

- Nancy Simpkins unanimously elected Trustee Emeritus

**Motion to elect Nancy Simpkins as a Trustee Emeritus was duly moved and seconded and unanimously approved**

- Going forward meetings will be offered both in-person and virtually.

- the new Board Web Based Library is now live. [www.wildcenter.org/board](http://www.wildcenter.org/board)

hosts recent Board University session videos, board training videos, Board minutes, and orientation documents.

- June 26, 2022 the day before the next board meeting the board will have focus group meetings at Tupper area camps . This Trustee hosted working session will be followed by a social dinner at Amados. More details to come.

- May 10, 2022 TWC is hosting the NYS Climate Action Council public hearing from 4 - 7 PM, preceded by a private meet and greet with Commissioner Basil Seggos at 3 PM. The hearing will include members of the Climate Action Council as well as NYS DEC Commissioner Seggos and NYSEERDA CEO Doreen Harris.

- Ross Whaley is being awarded the Harold K. Hochschild Award by the Adirondack Experience on July 30, 2022

### **Executive Director Report**

**S. Ratcliffe**

- Jen Krester is being awarded Conservationist of the Year by the Adirondack Council on July 9, 2022

- New pellet boiler has been installed. Tours of equipment will be provided at June board meeting

- Meadow Rutenbar will speak at the American Alliance of Museums Conference in May on ESG Investing

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### **Financial Reports**

**J. Beck**

- TWC on target financially for FY22

- Investment Portfolio down due to current state of the world

### **Audit**

**P. Alioto**

- Additional audit was conducted on TWC Federal Awards due to these awards exceeding \$750K

- No difficulties, no corrected statements, no disagreements, TWC was presented a clean opinion of the audit

-Highlighted notes from the audit were reviewed. To be noted in FY21 operating results excluding \$1.2mm in Federal COVID relief was a positive \$160k.

**R. Kronenberger**

**Motion to approve FY2021 Audit was duly moved and seconded unanimously approved**

### **Financial Report**

**R. Kronenberger**

- 2022 March YTD results are \$93k better than YTD budget, with below budget expenses generating much of the gain.

- Total endowment funds are \$11.4mm, including \$2.1mm in Obie Clifford Fund and \$1.4mm in permanent endowment



Preservation and AAM DEAI Senior Fellow, Omar Eaton-Martinez led the Board Members through a DEAI presentation on diversity for Museum and Non-profit boards and governance.

- Broke out into groups following the presentation to discuss DEAI involving TWC. DEAI Sub-Committee members took separate notes and will provide next steps.

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**Executive Session**

**K. Thomas**

- The Board entered into the Executive Session at 5:02 PM