

## Boston Chinese Evangelical Church Special Congregational Meeting Minutes May 5, 2019, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Facilitator: Chairman of the Board of Deacons Anthony Lai

Translators: Joyce Lin and John Wong

Secretary: Julia Zhu

Locations: JQES Auditorium, 885 Washington Street, Boston, MA

BCEC Newton Campus, 218 Walnut Street, Newton, MA

1. Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness Minister Steve Liu

Pastor Ken Liu

2. Call to Order Anthony Lai

Meeting Quorum: 315 Attendance: 509

3. Prayer Pastor Steven Chin

4. Meeting Agenda and Instructions Anthony Lai

5. Summary of the Offer for 249 Harrison Avenue Property

Anthony Lai

6. Presentation of the Proposed Motion

Anthony Lai

"That BCEC sell 249 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA to the City of Boston and/or any department or agency thereof at the price of \$9,500,000.00 upon such terms and conditions (i) as the Senior Pastor and the Chairperson of the Board of Deacons shall in their sole discretion determine to be in the best interest of BCEC, and (ii) as are substantially consistent with the City of Boston's offer letter to BCEC dated January 10, 2019."

## 7. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Motion

Anthony Lai

Question: Is today's voting to authorize the Senior Pastor and the Chairperson of the Board of Deacons to decide whether or not to sell the property? Response from Anthony Lai: The voting is for the Senior Pastor and Chairperson of the Board of Deacons to determine the terms and conditions. The decision to sell the property rests on the Board of Deacons, Board of Elders, and thence the congregation that is present today. Response from Expansion Task Force member Gerard Fong: The motion has a number of parts. First, we are voting to sell at the price of \$9,500,000. Second, upon such additional terms and conditions that the Senior Pastor and Chairperson of Board of Deacons will determine to be in the best interest of BCEC and is consistent with the City of Boston's offer letter. So, if you vote yes, you vote for the sale at \$9,500,000.00, that it must be consistent with the City of Boston's offer letter as of January 10, 2019, and if there is anything else, the Senior Pastor and Chairman of the Board of Deacons will decide in the best interest of BCEC.

8. Prayer Pastor Daniel Chan

## 9. Voting on the Proposed Motion

Anthony Lai

Ballot Counters in Chinatown: Jason Cheung, Ying Pui Cheung, Christopher Fong, Bonnie Ho, Alice Kwok-Ho, Christina Lee, David Lee, Jessica So, and Aaron Yip.

Ballot Counters in Newton: Jenny Choi, Janice Chung, Andy Te, Richard Wang, and Nelson Wong.

Motion Results: Final Attendance: 522

517 members voted: 468 voted to approve the motion, 49 voted to oppose the motion.

The motion passed.

## 10. Senior Pastor Succession Process Update

Elder Chuk-Lam Yuen

11. Closing Benediction

Pastor Enoch Liao Pastor Kenneth Kwong Pastor Andy Su