



FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN, INC.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
ANNUAL MEETING
April 12, 2017**

The Governance Committee of the Friends of the Public Garden recommends the election of the following persons to the Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning in April 2017:

Allison Achtmeyer
Leslie Adam
Gordon Burnes
Elizabeth L. Johnson
Frank Mead
Katherine O’Keeffe
Allan Taylor

Respectfully submitted by the Governance Committee:

Kate Enroth, Chair
Patti Quinn, Vice Chair
William Clendaniel
Sherif Nada
Margaret Pokorny
Elizabeth Vizza, ex officio

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Leslie Adam

Born in Boston, Leslie and her husband Alastair have lived on Beacon Hill for 19 years, moving here from London. They live on Chestnut Street with their two children and two French bulldogs. Leslie spent many years in the management of professional service firms, most recently at The Boston Consulting Group. She is currently working in real estate with Hammond Residential. Leslie has been involved in a number of non-profits here in the Beacon Hill community, including the Beacon Hill Nursery School, the Beacon Hill Civic Association, the Nichols House Museum and recently served as the President of the Beacon Hill Garden Club in which capacity she also was an ex officio member of the board of the Friends of the Public Garden.

Gordon Burnes

As the Chief Marketing Officer for Bullhorn, Gordon Burnes directs the company's corporate and product marketing efforts. Prior to joining Bullhorn in 2014, Gordon was the IBM executive in charge of worldwide marketing for the Risk Analytics group. Throughout the balance of his professional career, Gordon has held a variety of leadership roles in Boston-based technology companies. Gordon also served on the boards of the Beacon Hill Nursery School and the Charles River Watershed Association, where he is currently on the board of advisors. He is also on the board of advisors for the Environmental League of Massachusetts. He lives on Beacon Hill with his wife Suzie Tapson and their three boys. Gordon has a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Harvard College and an MBA from Columbia University.

Elizabeth L. Johnson

A lifetime resident of Beacon Hill, Beth was originally involved with the Young Friends of the Public Garden in the 1990s before joining the board of the Friends of the Public Garden under Henry Lee's leadership. She was then involved with the Green and White Ball from 2002 to 2008 and joined the Council in 2013. Currently she is involved with the Trustees of Reservations where she has been active in helping to conserve critical lands and in advancing their Art in the Landscape initiative. Another focus of Beth's has been the United States Equestrian Team Foundation and managing her equestrian endeavor Louisburg Farm located in Wellington, Florida. She is also involved with the Museum of Fine Arts, the Nichols House Museum, the Society of Arts and Crafts, and the Furniture Society. Beth is an advocate of emerging American artists and collects new American furniture, current New England painters and arts and crafts. Much of her daily activity is spent with her children who attend The Winsor School, Concord Academy and Beaver Country Day School.