

The Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens' Association

2023 Special General Meeting

Friday, July 14, 2023, from 1 pm to 1:45 pm

1. Sign-in of members

The 2023 Special General Meeting (SGM) of The Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens' Association (CCECA) was held on Friday, July 14, 2023, at 1 pm in the Auditorium of CCECA.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

68 registered members attended this meeting. The minimum quorum for any General Meeting is 50 full members as specified in the bylaws, so this meeting is valid.

3. Call to order

Liza Chan, Executive Director (ED) presided over the meeting. Staff Jenny Sze was the Mandarin interpreter.

Everybody should be polite and follow the instructions of the meeting to make the meeting go smoothly. CCECA declared land affirmation to recognize that we work and live on the traditional territories of Indigenous groups.

The 25th Board of Directors attending the meeting were: Mr. Michael Lok (Acting President), Mr. Vincent Liu (Acting President), Ms. Claudia Lam (Treasurer), Ms. Sim Kwong, Mr. Patrick Kwan, Mr. John Chan, Mr. Pui Kan Lam and Ms. Ada Mak.

The Nomination Committee members attending the meeting were: Mr. Sidney Woo (Chair), Mr. Patrick Wong (Secretary), Mr. Raymond Chow, Ms. Selina Lau and Ms. Li Ming Huang.

The Board of Director Candidates were Mr. David Keung, Mr. Garson Chan and Mr. Thomas Chan.

4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Becky Tsu (membership #: 6278) and seconded by Stanley Tse (membership #: 8350).

63 members approved. Since the approval votes exceeded 50% of the 70 attendees, the motion was carried.

5. Greetings from Mr. Michael Lok, Acting President

An annual general meeting was held on May 27th, 2023. The members of the 25th board of directors were elected. But two days later, the former president and another director suddenly resigned without advance notice or reason. According to the CCECA bylaws, there must be at least nine board of directors. Because of their resignation, the number of the board of directors was reduced to eight. That certainly will have an impact on the normal operation of the board. We immediately re-examined the bylaws of CCECA and sought legal advice. The advice was to immediately recruit new board of directors. A nominating committee was appointed to convene a special general meeting to implement the by-election.

Thanks to the efforts of the Nomination Committee, we have successfully found new directors for CCECA. I hope today's special general meeting will go smoothly and the operation of the board of directors can return to normal.

I hope you will support the 2023 Caring for Seniors Walkathon and Fundraising Show. Due to the pandemic, this event has been suspended for several years. We are very happy to hold this fundraising event again this year. The Senior Centre was founded in 1995 and has a history of nearly 30 years. The facilities of the Centre have aged and are in great need of maintenance, repair and reconstruction. The goal of fundraising this time is \$150,000. Your support is very helpful for our fundraising. The fundraising event will be held on Saturday, July 22. There will be a Walkathon at 10:00 am. Fundraising performances are from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. We look forward to your support by participating in the Walkathon or donation. Our CCECA staff are ready to help. Please contact us if you have any inquiries. Thank you very much.

6. Introduction of voting procedure by Sidney Woo, Nomination Committee Chair.

The Nomination Committee received four applications. After consideration, the Nomination Committee recommended three candidates to the Special General Meeting for consideration. The

three applicants were Mr. Thomas Chan, Mr. Garson Chan, and Mr. David Keung. According to CCECA bylaws, the maximum number of Board directors is thirteen. Currently, we have eight directors and three director candidates for a total of eleven directors. Therefore, voting is not needed and all candidates are automatically elected. There was no objection from the floor.

7. Board member candidates introduce themselves

Three candidates including, David Keung, Garson Chan and Thomas Chan introduced their academic qualifications, work history and volunteer experience. The candidates agreed with the vision of CCECA and they were willing to use their professional knowledge to provide their services.

8. Announcement of New Board Members

Liza Chan announced the names of the new board members. The members of the 25th CCECA (2023-2024) Board of Directors were: Mr. Vincent Liu, Ms. Claudia Lam, Ms. Sim Kwong, Mr. Patrick Kwan, Mr. Michael Lok, Mr. John Chan, Mr. Pui Kan Lam, Ms. Ada Mak, Mr. David Keung, Mr. Garson Chan and Mr. Thomas Chan.

8. The Special General Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm. The Nomination Committee was immediately dissolved.

Minutes were taken by: Patrick Wong