Chair Nina Fialkow called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**Council Members Present**
Nina Fialkow, Chair  
Marc Carroll, Vice Chair  
Victoria Marsh  
Troy Siebels  
Sherry Dong  
Jo-Ann Davis  
Karen Barry  
Kathy Castro  
Ann Murphy  
Cecil Barron Jensen

**Staff members present** were Anita Walker, David Slatery, Jen Lawless, Ann Petruccelli, Angelina Lupini, Also present was Katie Barnett, TSNE and Emily Ruddock, MASSCreative.

Nina Fialkow opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending Mass Cultural Council’s annual retreat. This is not a
regular business meeting but nonetheless needed to be posted as an open meeting under the law.

Nina introduced Bethann Steiner, Mass Cultural Council’s new Communications Director, who had just come aboard. Nina also introduced our facilitator for the day, Katie Barnett from Third Sector New England who outlined the Agenda for the day.

After introductions, Jo-Ann Davis gave a presentation about roles of Council Members (copies of which are available upon request) and then Marc Carroll and Ann Murphy ran through a PowerPoint presentation (copies of which are available upon request) on how to deal with crisis communications.

The remainder of the day as detailed on the agenda was facilitated by Katie and addressed the halfway point of the Council’s 5 year strategic plan and members worked with staff in small groups on a series of exercises related to priorities under the strategic plan.

Nina thanked the members for their efforts and adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.