



Boston School Committee Meeting

January 4, 2010

*The following is a brief summary of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Boston School Committee held on **Monday, January 4, 2010** at 4:00 p.m. in the Edward Winter Chambers, 26 Court Street. This summary is not intended to serve as official minutes of the meeting.*

For more information about any of the items listed below, contact the office of the Boston School Committee: feedback@boston.k12.ma.us or 617-635-9014.

CALL TO ORDER

School Committee members present: John Barros; Alfreda Harris; Rev. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.; Michael O'Neill, Marchelle Raynor; Mary Tamer; and Michael Davis (Student Representative).

School Committee Chairperson Rev. Groover called the meeting to order. Rev. Groover welcomed two new members to four-year terms on the Boston School Committee: Mary Tamer and John Barros. Ms. Tamer and Mr. Barros had been sworn-in earlier in the day at a ceremony with Mayor Thomas M. Menino. <http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/node/3801>

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Gregory Groover, Sr., D.Min was elected as the Chairperson of the School Committee for 2010, and Ms. Marchelle Raynor was elected as the Vice-Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF 2010 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The School Committee approved the schedule of meetings and budget hearings for 2010. <http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/node/1482>

REPORTS

Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding: Dr. Johnson, joined by Chief Accountability Officer Frank Barnes, presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and school districts seeking to participate in the Commonwealth's Race to the Top (RTTT) funded initiatives. The MOU requires the signatures of district superintendents, school committee chairs, and teachers' union presidents, as well as a commitment from the districts to pursue the four assurances outlined in the request for RTTT proposals from the United States Department of Education. The MOU must be submitted to the state by January 13 in order for BPS to receive funds should Massachusetts be awarded a federal Race to the Top grant. The School Committee is scheduled to vote on the MOU at the January 6 meeting.