

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 3:04–7:10 p.m.
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association, Panel Chairperson
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral Appointee
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network
Joanne Freeman-Fanfan, Citywide Parent Council
Dr. Mary Grant, President, MA College of Art and Design, Higher Education Representative
Jerry Howland, Mayoral Appointee
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union
Susan Ou, Bilingual Parent Advisory Council
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau
Jack Sinnott, Special Education Parent Advisory Council
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)
Rachel Skerritt, Mayoral Appointee

Staff Assistance:

Jisca Philippe, Special Assistant to the Chief of Policy, Boards and Commissions,
City of Boston

1. Call Meeting to Order

William Thomas, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2022. The vote, by roll call, was 10-0-2. Ms. Freeman-Fanfan and Dr. Grant abstained.

3. Interview Applicants

The Panel reviewed the list of six applicants to be interviewed today for the two open School Committee seats (four-year terms beginning January 4, 2023). The Panel interviewed the six applicants.

4. Public Comment

Chair Thomas invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. Ruby Reyes offered comments on School Committee membership and process.

5. Executive Session

Chair Thomas said as is stated in the posted meeting agenda, the Panel would go into executive session to consider the applicants and deliberate on the names to forward to the Mayor, noting that

discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on obtaining qualified applicants. He added that the final lists as determined by the Panel would be included in the meeting minutes.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted**, in accordance with G.L. chapter 30A, section 21(a)(8), to go into executive session to consider the applicants and deliberate on the names to forward to the Mayor. The vote, by roll call, was unanimous.

Chair Thomas said the Panel would not return to open session following the executive session.

In the executive session, the Panel discussed the applicants and deliberated on the names to forward to the Mayor.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to submit the following names to Mayor Wu for her to consider for appointment to the two open School Committee seats¹:

Seat A

Jeri Robinson
Quoc Tran
Aubrey Hartnett
Alyssa Robinson
Eva Scapicchio

Seat B

Jeri Robinson
Quoc Tran
Aubrey Hartnett
Alyssa Robinson
Eva Scapicchio

The vote, by roll call, was unanimous.

6. Adjournment

Members thanked Mr. Thomas for chairing the Panel and Ms. Phillippe for her staff assistance. Mr. Thomas thanked the members for their commitment to this work. There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider

¹ The City Law Department advised in November 2015 that when more than one seat is open, (1) the Panel must submit a list of 3-5 names for each seat, consistent with the statute, and (2) the Panel may include the same names (one, some, or all) on each list, if it so chooses.