

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 2:35-6:10 p.m.
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral appointee
Michelle Cannon, Special Education Parent Advisory Council
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parent Council
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee
Darlene Lombos, Mayoral appointee
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union
Susan Ou, Bilingual Parent Advisory Council
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau
Valerie Roberson, Roxbury Community College
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)
William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2020.

3. Review List of Applicants to Interview

Ms. Ciardi thanked Panel members for devoting time to review the 24 applications that were submitted by the deadline and for agreeing to meet three times this week to conduct the Panel's business. At the November 30 meeting the Panel selected 15 applicants to interview for the two impending vacancies on the School Committee: one 4-year term (the seat currently held by Michael O'Neill) and the 1 year remaining in the unexpired term of former School Committee member Michael Loconto. The Panel had asked Ms. Ciardi to schedule the interviews over two days and she did. The Panel reviewed the list of 15 applicants to be interviewed: 8 at today's meeting and 7 at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 3.

4. Interview Applicants

The Panel interviewed 8 of the 15 applicants for the two open School Committee seats.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Ciardi asked if any members of the public attending the meeting would like to offer comments to the Panel. Peggy Wiesenbergs offered suggestions about posting information online about the finalists.

6. Discussion

Ms. Ciardi asked if the Panel wanted to discuss the applicants who were interviewed today. The consensus of the Panel was to defer the discussion until after the remaining interviews on December 3.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider