

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Tuesday, December 1, 2021, 4:30-6:35 p.m.  
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral appointee  
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network  
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parent Council  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee  
Charlie Kim, Special Education Parent Advisory Council  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau  
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 4:30 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 23, 2021.

3. Review and Discuss School Committee Applications Received

Ms. Ciardi said 14 additional applications have been submitted for the two School Committee seats with four-year terms expiring 1/5/2026, along with 7 applications held over from the previous round. She noted that Mayor Wu has appointed Lorena Lopera and Rafaela Polanco Garcia to the two seats with two-year terms expiring 1/1/2024.

The Panel discussed the process for selecting applicants to interview and agreed by consensus to give 2 points for a yes, 1 point for a maybe, and 0 points for a no.

The Panel will meet on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., to interview selected applicants, and will meet on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., to interview the rest of the selected applicants and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 names for each seat to submit to Mayor Wu.

4. Determine List of Applicants to Interview on 12/2/21 and 12/6/21

The Panel discussed the applications received in this round and held over from the previous round and which to move forward to an interview. After discussion, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to interview a total of 11 applicants. Ms. Ciardi said she would contact the applicants and schedule the interviews.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Ciardi invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider