

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**

Friday, December 11, 2020, 3:36-4:55 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
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)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 3:36 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 December 3, 2020, as corrected.

3. Consideration of Information from Nominees about their Placement on Lists

Ms. Ciardi said she submitted the two lists of nominees to the Mayor, per the Panel's decision on December 3. She said that when she notified the nominees that their names had been submitted, two of them said they wanted to be considered only for Seat B (the 1 year remaining in the unexpired term) and not Seat A (the 4-year term). Ms. Ciardi noted there was some ambiguity because the Panel considered applicants for both seats at the same time and applicants did not necessarily specify their interest in one seat or the other or both. She said after hearing the concern from two nominees, she emailed all nine nominees to find out their understanding of the process. She presented their responses to the Panel.

Ms. Ciardi explained that because the Panel already submitted its nominations to the Mayor and the deadline has passed, she consulted the City Law Department about the options. She reported the Law Department's response: (1) the Panel met the requirement to submit nominations by the statutory deadline, and (2) if the Panel determines in good faith that there was an error in the lists and it should be corrected, the Panel could submit corrected lists to the Mayor.

The Panel reviewed and discussed the lists, the information Ms. Ciardi had presented, and the options available. The Panel revisited its deliberations on December 3, including how it had ranked the applicants after the interviews and placed them on the two lists. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to move one nominee, Ava Callendar Concepcion, from the list for Seat A to the list for Seat B, creating corrected lists to submit to the Mayor. The vote was 7-3-1. Mr. Maguire, Ms. Ou, and Ms. Schneider voted in opposition and Ms. Roberson abstained.

As a result, the Panel will submit the following **corrected lists** of names to Mayor Walsh for him to consider for appointment to the two open School Committee seats:

Seat A (4-year term)

Tiye Cort
Charmie Curry
Ermani DeAraujo
Michael O'Neill

Seat B (remaining 1 year of unexpired term)

Nicole Christian Brathwaite
Ava Callendar Concepcion
Sharon Hinton
Lorena Lopera
Leidy Quiceno

Ms. Ciardi will prepare the letter of transmittal to the Mayor. She thanked Panel members for their careful consideration in addressing this unusual situation.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel thanked Ms. Ciardi for her work as Chair and **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider