

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2020, 2:40-6:10 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
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 2:40 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 1, 2020.

3. Review List of Applicants to Interview

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 conducted 8 interviews at its meeting on December 1. The Panel reviewed the list of 7 applicants to be interviewed today.

4. Interview Applicants

The Panel interviewed 7 of the 15 applicants for the two open School Committee seats.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Ciardi invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit any comments to the Panel via the Zoom chat function, in the interest of time. No comments were submitted.

6. Discussion and Deliberation

The Panel discussed the 15 applicants it had interviewed on December 1 and today and decided on 9 applicants to put forward to the Mayor. Mr. Howland left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

The Panel deliberated on a list of 3-5 names for each seat, as required by the statute. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to submit the following names to Mayor Walsh for him to consider for appointment to the two open School Committee seats:

Seat A (4-year term)

Ava Callendar Concepcion
Tiye Cort
Charmie Curry
Ernani DeAraujo
Michael O'Neill

Seat B (remaining 1 year of unexpired term)

Nicole Christian Brathwaite
Sharon Hinton
Lorena Lopera
Leidy Quiceno

The vote was 10-1. Ms. Ciardi voted in opposition. Ms. Ciardi will prepare the letter of transmittal to the Mayor and will notify all the applicants of their status.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel thanked Ms. Ciardi for her work as Chair and **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider