

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Citizens Nominating Panel**
Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 10:10-10:40 a.m.
Boston City Hall, Room 608

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral appointee
Jerry Howland, Boston Public Schools, Mayoral appointee
Dianne Lescinkas, Boston Special Education Parent Advisory Council
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union
Rhoda Schneider (for Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester)
Angela Tang, Master PAC, Parent
James Travers, Boston Municipal Research Bureau

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Citizens Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. She informed the Panel that Mayor Walsh has appointed Geraldine (Jeri) Robinson and Regina Robinson to four-year terms on the School Committee.

Ms. Ciardi said Claudio Martinez has resigned from the School Committee, with one year remaining in his term. The main item of business for the Panel today is to establish the timeline and process to send nominations to Mayor Walsh for the now-vacant seat. Ms. Ciardi said the statute requires the Panel to submit names to the Mayor within 30 days, which means the deadline is January 30, 2015.

2. Accept Meeting Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2014.

3. Timeline for Receiving Applications to Fill the Seat Formerly Held by Claudio Martinez

The Panel agreed that Ms. Ciardi will post the application today, with a deadline of Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 5 p.m. The Panel also agreed that Ms. Ciardi will email applicants who applied in October or November 2014 and were not appointed, and invite them to apply for this seat. She will give them the option to use their previous application (updating the top section as needed), or supplement it with additional information, or submit a new application, as they wish.

The Panel agreed that all members should use their networks, community organizations, personal contacts, and media outlets, including social media, to encourage as strong and deep a pool of candidates as possible.

4. Review and Discuss Possible Changes to School Committee Application

The Panel agreed it is satisfied with the current application form. The deadline will be updated.

5. Establish Dates to Review Applications and Interview Candidates

The Panel set the following meeting dates:

- Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 4 p.m. – Review applications and select candidates to interview
- Monday, January 26, 2015 at 1 p.m. – Interview selected candidates, deliberate, and decide on nominations to send to the Mayor. Both meetings will be held in Room 608, Boston City Hall.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel adjourned its meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider