

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Monday, February 1, 2021, 2:35-5:45 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 January 29, 2021.

3. Review List of Applicants to Interview

At the January 29 meeting, the Panel selected 7 applicants to interview for the current vacancy on the School Committee: the 1-year remaining in the unexpired term of former School Committee member Michael Loconto. The term expires on January 3, 2022. Mayor Walsh appointed Ava Callendar Concepcion to the seat, but she resigned after accepting a new position that conflicted with her service on the School Committee. The Panel reviewed the list of 7 applicants to be interviewed today.

4. Interview Applicants

The Panel interviewed the 7 applicants for the open School Committee seat.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Ciardi invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. No comments were submitted.

6. Discussion and Deliberation

The Panel discussed the 7 applicants it interviewed today and deliberated on a list of 3-5 names to put forward to the Mayor, 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 open School Committee seat:

Ernani Jose DeAraujo
Sharon Hinton
Lorena Lopera
Dr. LaTasha Sarpy

The vote was 9-1. Mr. Maguire voted in opposition.

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 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider