

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Thursday, January 14, 2021, 4:05-4:50 p.m.
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, 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)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 4:05 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 11, 2020.

3. Application Process and Deadlines to Fill Current School Committee Vacancy

Ms. Ciardi said she submitted the corrected lists of nominees to the Mayor on December 11, 2020, per the Panel's decision on that date, and Mayor Walsh reappointed Michael O'Neill for the 4-year term and appointed Ava Callendar Concepcion for the 1 year remaining in the unexpired term. Ms. Ciardi explained that Ms. Callendar Concepcion resigned shortly after her appointment because she accepted a new position that conflicted with her service on the School Committee. Ms. Ciardi said she received notice from the City Clerk of this vacancy, and she confirmed with the City Law Department that the statute requires the Panel to meet within 10 days of the notice to start the process. The Panel must submit a list of 3-5 names to the Mayor within 30 days of the meeting.

Ms. Ciardi thanked Panel members for convening again to restart the nomination process so soon after the October-December 2020 meetings.

The Panel discussed the process and by consensus agreed that:

- Applications will be due by 12 noon on Friday, January 29, 2021
- The Panel will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021, to review the applications and decide which applicants to interview

- The Panel will hold interviews on Monday, February 1, 2021, starting at 2:30 p.m., and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 names to submit to the Mayor
- Ms. Ciardi will contact the 13 applicants that the Panel selected for interviews in the most recent round (15 minus 2 who were appointed) and invite them to apply, giving them the choice of resubmitting or revising their recent application. Ms. Ciardi will explain that the Panel may or may not select them for an interview in this round.

4. Review School Committee Application

The Panel reviewed the most recent application form and decided by consensus to keep it as is, except: (a) clarify that the vacancy is for an unexpired term that ends on December 31, 2021, and (b) update the deadline and the anticipated interview date.

5. Schedule Subsequent Meetings

The Panel agreed to two meetings:

- Friday, January 29, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. – review applications and determine a list of applicants to interview
- Monday, February 1, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. – interview selected applicants, deliberate, and determine a list of 3-5 names to recommend to the Mayor

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider