

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Thursday, January 26, 2015, 1:10-4:00 p.m.
Boston City Hall, Room 608

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral appointee
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network
Walter Henderson, Boston Public Schools, Principal
Jerry Howland, Boston Public Schools, Mayoral appointee
Dianne Lescinskas, SPED PAC, Parent
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union
Rhoda Schneider (for Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester)
James Travers, Boston Municipal Research Bureau (participated via
speakerphone)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. The main item of business was to interview candidates for the current vacancy on the School Committee (the seat vacated recently by Claudio Martinez's resignation, with one year remaining in his term) and to determine the list of candidates to recommend to the Mayor. The statute requires the Panel to submit 3-5 names to the Mayor within 30 days of the seat being vacated, 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 January 22, 2015.

3. Interview Candidates

Having selected 9 applicants at the January 22nd meeting to interview for the open seat, the Panel interviewed each of the 9 applicants.

4. Deliberation

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to go into executive session to deliberate on the 9 candidates. The Panel then discussed the strengths of the 9 applicants it had interviewed. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to submit the following 5 names to Mayor Walsh for him to consider for appointment to the open seat:

Heshan Berents Weeramuni
Imari Paris Jeffries
Tammy Tai
Miren Uriarte
Sherman Zemler Wu

Ms. Ciardi will prepare the letter of transmittal to the Mayor and will notify the applicants of their status.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel adjourned its meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider