

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 2:05-5:38 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  
Betty Francisco, Mayoral appointee  
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parent Council  
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 2:05 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 July 8, 2021.

3. Update on Process to Fill Remainder of Terms for Two School Committee Seats

Ms. Ciardi introduced Lindsey Butler, Deputy Chief of Policy in Acting Mayor Janey's office, who provided this information from the City Law Department in response to questions that had been raised:

- A Boston Public Schools teacher cannot serve on the Boston School Committee and continue as a BPS teacher.
- Other BPS or City employees who wish to serve on the School Committee would be subject to the conflict of interest law. Depending on the facts, they might be able to serve but might have to recuse themselves from certain matters.
- For the current vacancies, the appointments will be coterminous with the Acting Mayor – i.e., through early November when the mayoral vote is certified. Ms. Butler said an appointee's willingness to serve for the full term, which runs until early January 2024, is a relevant fact.

#### 4. Review List of Applicants to Interview and Information about Additional Applications

Ms. Ciardi explained the Panel now has nine additional applications that were timely submitted by email. She said the IT department is checking to determine if a technical problem caused the delay in transmittal. Lindsey Butler from the Acting Mayor's office apologized for the delay in transmitting these applications. She said IT is tracking the matter and she is confident the Panel now has all the applications that were submitted by the deadline. The Panel agreed to proceed with today's interviews and then, having reviewed the additional applications, decide whether to add any to the interviews scheduled for July 14.

#### 5. Interview Applicants

The Panel interviewed four applicants for the two open School Committee seats. A fifth applicant withdrew from consideration after learning that a BPS teacher cannot serve on the School Committee and continue employment as a BPS teacher.

#### 6. Review Additional Applications

The Panel reviewed and discussed the nine additional applications and by consensus, agreed to add four to the interviews scheduled for Wednesday, July 14. This brings the total number of interviews to 13. Ms. Ciardi thanked the Panel for giving careful consideration to all timely applications and said she would schedule the additional interviews for Wednesday.

#### 7. Public Comment

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

#### 8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider