

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 2:05-7:25 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
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee
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

The Panel will review and approve the minutes from the July 13 and 14 meetings at its next meeting.

3. Review List of Applicants to Interview

The Panel had conducted four interviews at its July 13 meeting and reviewed the list of nine applicants to be interviewed today.

4. Interview Applicants

The Panel interviewed the remaining nine applicants for the two open School Committee seats.

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 13 applicants it interviewed on July 13 and today and decided on six applicants to put forward to the Acting Mayor.

The Panel deliberated on a list of 3-5 names for each seat, as required by the statute. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to submit the following names to Acting Mayor Janey for her to consider for appointment to the two open School Committee seats:

Seat A

Lorena Lopera
Jose Lopez
Rafaela Polanco
Ruby Reyes
Rashmi Tiwari

Seat B

Lorena Lopera
Jose Lopez
Rafaela Polanco
Ruby Reyes
Michael Williams

7. Adjournment

Ms. Ciardi thanked Panel members for their work, including reviewing 23 applications, conducting 13 interviews, and selecting six applicants to recommend for appointment. Members thanked Ms. Ciardi for her service as Chair. There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider