

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Friday, July 9, 2021 3:06 - 4:27 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-Fanfan, Citywide Parent Council  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau  
Valerie Roberson, Higher Education

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. The main item of business was to decide on applicants to interview for the two current vacancies on the School Committee as a result of the resignations of Alexandra Oliver-Davila and Dr. Lorna Rivera. These seats are coterminous with the Acting Mayor.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2021.

3. Panel Discussion and Vote on Interview List

The Panel reviewed and discussed the 14 applications that were received by the July 8, 2021 deadline. By consensus, the Panel agreed to interview the following 11 applicants: Brandon Cardet Hernandez, Heidi Brooks, Jose Lopez, Leidy Quiceno, Lorena Lopera, Rafaela Polanco, Rita Lara, Ruby Reyes, Sarah Noriega, Steve Mook and Dr. Vivian Carlo.

Ms. Ciardi will schedule the interviews, which the Panel will conduct at its meetings on Tuesday, July 13, and Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Both meetings begin at 2:00 p.m., and interviews will begin at 2:30. At the July 14 meeting, after concluding the interviews, the Panel will decide which candidates to recommend to the Mayor. The Panel will send the Mayor a list of 3-5 names for each seat.

4. Public Comment -- Alison Pultinas asked about the process for interviews and whether there is a set of questions that will be asked of each interviewee.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Ciardi