

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 4:05-5:15 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
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau
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. She welcomed Betty Francisco, a Mayoral appointee who is replacing former member Darlene Lombos on the Panel.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2021.

3. Process and Deadlines to Fill Remainder of Terms for Two School Committee Seats

Ms. Ciardi stated there are two vacancies on the School Committee due to the recent resignations of Dr. Lorna Rivera and Alexandra Oliver-Davila. She explained that the appointments to these seats would be coterminous with the Acting Mayor – i.e., through early November when the mayoral vote is certified. Ms. Ciardi added the elected Mayor will get to fill the remaining unexpired terms for these two seats, which run until early January 2024.

Referring to the statute, Ms. Ciardi said the Panel has 30 days from today to submit 3-5 names for each seat to the Acting Mayor; the deadline is Friday, July 16, 2021. The Panel discussed the process and, by consensus, agreed that:

- Applications will be due by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021.
- The Panel will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021, to review the applications and decide which applicants to interview.

- The Panel will meet on Tuesday, July 13 and Wednesday, July 14, 2021, to interview the selected applicants and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 names for each seat to submit to the Acting Mayor. These meetings will be scheduled for 2:00-6:00 p.m., with interviews starting at 2:30 p.m.

4. Review School Committee Application

The Panel reviewed and discussed the most recent application form. By consensus, the Panel agreed to make a few revisions, including adding a question about student representation on the School Committee, dropping the question about being a registered voter, and clarifying some wording. Ms. Ciardi said she would make the changes and revise the dates, send the updated application to Panel members, and get it posted on the School Committee web page within a day. She encouraged all members to use their networks to spread the word.

5. Public Comment

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

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider