

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 5:10-5:55 p.m.
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral appointee
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parent Council
Charlie Kim, Special Education Parent Advisory Council
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 5:10 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 November 16, 2021.

3. Discuss Extension of Application Deadline

Ms. Ciardi said the Mayor's office has asked if the Panel would extend the November 24, 2021 deadline for the next round of applications (two School Committee seats with four-year terms expiring 1/5/2026), because Mayor Wu took office so recently and is currently considering the Panel's nominations for the two seats with two-year terms expiring 1/1/2024. Ms. Ciardi said the Mayor's office is prepared to publicize any new dates that the Panel might set.

Ms. Ciardi noted that the statute requires the Panel to submit names to the Mayor by the first Monday in December (December 6 this year) and the City Law Department has advised that the Panel has until 12 midnight on that date to submit a list of 3-5 names for each vacant seat. Per the statute, if the Panel fails to submit names by the deadline, the Mayor may appoint any person she deems suitable.¹

¹ "...[O]n the first Wednesday of October of every year the panel shall convene to select not fewer than three but not more than five nominees for each office of school committee member that shall become vacant on the first day of the next municipal year. No later than the first Monday in December of each year, the panel shall present to the mayor a list containing the names and addresses of the said nominees for each term of office to commence on the first day of the next municipal year; provided, however, should the panel fail to present said list to the mayor by said first Monday in December, the mayor shall have the power to appoint any person [she] deems suitable to the office of school committee for the term to commence the following January." 1991 Mass. Acts c. 108, s. 7(c).

The Panel discussed extending the deadline and revising its previously scheduled meeting dates for interviews and deliberations. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to extend the application deadline and set the following dates:

- Applications for the two four-year terms will be due by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.
- The Panel will meet on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., to review the applications and decide which applicants to interview.
- The Panel will meet on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., to interview selected applicants.
- The Panel will meet on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., to interview the rest of the selected applicants and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 names for each seat to submit to Mayor Wu.

Ms. Ciardi said she would notify the Mayor's office and all applicants who have already submitted applications to the Panel, about the new dates.

4. Public Comment

Ms. Ciardi invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. There was no public comment.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider