

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Thursday, November 27, 2018, 12:15-4:15 p.m.  
Boston City Hall, Room 608

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Tony Barros, Mayoral appointee  
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parents Organizing Network  
Michelle Cannon, Boston Special Education Parent Advisory Council  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
Joe McGrail, State Street, Boston Municipal Research Bureau  
Nancy Minucci, Citywide Parent Council  
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)  
William Thomas, Boston Public Schools, Principal, Charlestown High School

1. Call meeting to order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The main items of business were to interview applicants for two seats on the Boston School Committee and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 nominees to present to the Mayor for each seat. The seats are currently held by Jeri Robinson and Regina Robinson, whose terms conclude at the end of 2018.

2. Approval of minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2018.

3. Review list of applicants to interview

The Panel had voted at the November 15 meeting to interview all nine applicants. Ms. Ciardi scheduled interviews with all nine for today.

4. Interview applicants

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

Following the interviews, the Panel discussed two procedural matters. First, as to the two current vacancies, Ms. Ciardi reminded the Panel that the City Law Department advised in November 2015 that when more than one seat is open: (1) the Panel must submit a list of 3-5 names for each seat, consistent with the statute, and (2) the Panel may include the same names (one, some, or all) on each list, if it so chooses.

The second procedural matter related to the anticipated vacancy due to Miren Uriarte's letter of resignation from the School Committee as of December 7, 2018, with one year remaining in her term. The Panel agreed that Ms. Ciardi should contact the applicants from this round and tell them they may apply for the next open seat and if they do, they would not be expected to submit a new application or be interviewed again, although they could submit an additional written statement.

The Panel will meet on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss the application form and process for the anticipated vacancy.

5. Executive session

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating on the applicants it had interviewed.

6. Deliberation

The Panel discussed the applicants and deliberated on a list for each seat. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to submit the following names to Mayor Walsh for him to consider for appointment to the two open School Committee seats (each for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2019):

Seat # 1

Gina D'Addario  
Regina Robinson  
Quoc Tron  
Eytan Wurman

Seat # 2

Kristen Leathers  
Jeri Robinson  
Regina Robinson  
Eytan Wurman

Ms. Ciardi will prepare the letter of transmittal to the Mayor and will notify all the applicants of their status, including the option to apply for the next open seat.

7. Return to open session

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to return to open session in order to adjourn the meeting.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel thanked Ms. Ciardi for her work as Chair and **voted** unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider