

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 2:05-5:50 p.m.
Boston City Hall, Room 608

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network
Michelle Cannon, Special Education Parent Advisory Council
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union
Nancy Minucci, Citywide Parent Council
Susan Ou, Bilingual Parent Advisory Council
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)
William Thomas, Boston Public Schools, Principal

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. 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 Hardin Coleman and Michael Loconto, whose terms conclude at the end of 2017.

2. Approval of minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2017.

3. Review list of applicants

The Panel reviewed the list of applicants. Ms. Ciardi said ten people applied and two subsequently withdrew, so she scheduled interviews with eight applicants for today.

4. Discuss late applications

Ms. Ciardi said three of the eight applicants submitted original or revised materials after the 5 p.m. deadline on November 13. When she scheduled those three interviews, she told the applicants that the Panel would decide today whether to move forward with their interviews; they understand that the Panel may decline to interview them.

Ms. Ciardi described the circumstances: One applicant submitted the application on November 13 at 5:23 p.m. rather than by 5 p.m. because of technical problems. Another applicant emailed Ms. Ciardi at 2 p.m. on November 13 that the application would be late

and submitted it at 9:30 p.m. A third applicant resubmitted last year's application by the 5 p.m. November 13 deadline and then submitted an updated application on November 17.

After discussion, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to interview the three applicants based on the applications they submitted on November 13 (that is, not to consider any material an applicant submitted after that date). The vote carried by 8-0-2; two members abstained.

The Panel agreed to discuss and establish the application deadline for 2018 at the Panel's first meeting in 2018. Some members suggested a midnight deadline rather than 5 p.m.

5. Interview applicants

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

6. 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.

7. Deliberation

The Panel discussed the applicants and deliberated on a list for each seat. The City Law Department had 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.

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:

Seat # 1

Carlos Luis-Brown
Hardin Coleman
Gina D'Addario
Michael Loconto
David Shapiro

Seat # 2

Carlos Luis-Brown
Hardin Coleman
Gina D'Addario
Michael Loconto
David Shapiro

Ms. Ciardi will prepare the letter of transmittal to the Mayor and will notify all the applicants of their status.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel thanked Ms. Ciardi for her work as Chair and **voted** unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider