

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Thursday, November 5, 2020, 4:03- 4:55 p.m.
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee
Michelle Cannon, Special Education Parent Advisory Council
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parents Organizing Network
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee
Darlene Lombos, Mayoral appointee
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union
Susan Ou, Bilingual Parent Advisory Council
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau
Valerie Roberson, Roxbury Community College
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)
William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2020.

3. Process for Filling Remainder of Open School Committee Seat

Ms. Ciardi said she received notice on October 28 of Michael Loconto's resignation from the Boston School Committee. She said the statute requires the Panel to meet within 10 days (hence today's meeting) and submit a slate of 3-5 names to the Mayor within 30 days of the meeting (i.e., by December 5). From that list, the Mayor would make an appointment to fill the 1 year remaining in the unexpired term for this seat.

The Panel discussed whether to merge the process for the newly vacant seat (1-year term) with the process that the Panel set on October 7 for the 4-year term (the seat currently held by Michael O'Neill, whose term concludes at the end of 2020).

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to combine the processes using a single application, so that applicants will be considered for the 4-year term and for the 1 year remaining in the unexpired term. The Panel will send the Mayor a list of 3-5 names for each seat.

4. Revised Application Deadline and Meeting/Interview Dates

With two seats now included in the process, the Panel agreed to revise the deadlines and meeting dates it had set on October 7. The revised dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 25, 2020: Applications are due at 11:59 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.
- Monday, November 30, 2020: The Panel will meet at 4:00 p.m. to review applications and select applicants to interview – provided that if 10 or fewer applications are received by the deadline, the November 30 meeting will be cancelled and the Panel will interview all the applicants.
- Tuesday, December 1, 2020: The Panel will meet at 2:30 p.m. to interview candidates. If the Panel conducts all the interviews today, it will then decide on nominees.
- Thursday, December 3, 2020: The Panel will meet at 2:30 p.m. to interview the remaining candidates and decide on nominees. This meeting will be cancelled if the Panel concluded all the interviews and decided on nominees at the December 1 meeting.

The Panel will submit its nominations (3-5 names for each seat) to the Mayor before December 5, 2020.

5. Other Business

Ms. Ciardi revised the application form to reflect the 2 seats (4-year term and 1-year term), the date changes, and the interview dates. In response to a question, she said she would ask the City Law Department about the minimum age to serve on the School Committee. (Ms. Ciardi later informed the Panel that the Mayor's Office said School Committee members are considered special municipal employees and therefore must be at least 18 years of age.)

Ms. Ciardi said she will post the updated application as soon as possible. Members agreed to use their networks to spread the word.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider