

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 4:10-4:45 p.m.  
Boston City Hall, Room 802

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Tony Barros, Mayoral appointee  
Michelle Cannon, Special Education Parent Advisory Council  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
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 4:10 p.m. Ms. Ciardi said the terms of two School Committee members – Alexandra Oliver-Davila and Lorna Rivera – will conclude at the end of 2019. The statute requires the Panel to submit 3-5 names to the Mayor for each vacant seat by the first Monday in December (December 2, 2019).

2. Approval of Minutes

The Panel deferred this item until the next meeting.

3. Election of Chairperson

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to re-elect Laurie Ciardi as chairperson. The vote was unanimous. Panel members thanked Ms. Ciardi for volunteering for the task.

4. Review School Committee Application

The Panel reviewed the 2018 application form and, after discussion, agreed to revisions:

- Insert a new #9: What is your view of the adequacy of the Boston Public Schools budget? What role would you play in ensuring that BPS has sufficient funding?
- Combine questions #5 and #7 and edit for clarity.
- Change dates on page 1.

Ms. Ciardi agreed to revise the application according to the consensus recommendations. She said she will post the application as soon as possible. Members agreed to use their networks to spread the word.

## 5. Application Deadline and Meeting/Interview Dates

The panel agreed to the following schedule:

- Tuesday, November 12: Applications due at 11:59 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.
- Thursday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.: The Panel will meet to review applications and select applicants to interview. If 10 or fewer applications are received by the deadline, the Panel will interview all 10 and this meeting will be cancelled.
- Monday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m.: The Panel will meet to interview candidates and decide on nominees.
- Monday, December 2: Deadline to submit nominations to the Mayor.

## 6. Next Meeting

The Panel will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019, to review applications and decide which applicants to interview, provided that 11 or more applications have been received by the deadline. If 10 or fewer applications are received by the deadline, this meeting will be cancelled and the Panel will next meet at 3:00 p.m. on November 18 to interview candidates and decide on nominees.

## 7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider