

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 4:10-5:35 p.m.  
Boston City Hall, Room 608

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Tony Barros, Mayoral appointee  
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parents Organizing Network  
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 4:10 p.m. Ms. Ciardi said the terms of two School Committee members – Jeri Robinson and Regina Robinson – will conclude at the end of 2018. Any other seat that is vacated in the near future would also be included in this application cycle. The statute requires the Panel to submit 3-5 names to the Mayor for each vacant seat by the first Monday in December (December 3, 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 29, 2017, with typos corrected.

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 2017 application form and discussed revisions to update and clarify several questions:

- Add a new #7: What qualities and experiences would you look for in candidates for superintendent?
- Add to current #9 (which will be #10):
  - new item (a) ensuring access to high quality schools for every student, and
  - new item (i) addressing the scope of school transportation issues

- Add at the end of current #7 (which will be #8): What is your understanding of the relationship between the Boston School Committee and the Mayor?

Ms. Ciardi agreed to revise the application according to the consensus recommendations and email the revised application form to Panel members. Ms. Ciardi 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 13: Applications due at 11:59 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.
- Thursday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m.: The Panel will meet to review applications and select applicants to interview.
- Tuesday, November 27 at 12:00 noon: The Panel will meet to interview candidates and decide on nominees. The meeting will conclude by approximately 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 3: Deadline to submit nominations to the Mayor.

The Panel discussed outreach, including using press releases, social media, municipal and other websites, the CPC distribution list, school parent councils, advocacy groups, and Panel members' organizations and networks. Ms. Ciardi, Ms. Camacho, and Mr. Barros said that schedules permitting, they would be glad to talk about the application and nomination process at community meetings if any organizations are interested in this type of information session. Members agreed to notify Ms. Ciardi if they know of community meetings where a session on the application/nomination process would be helpful.

#### 6. Next Meeting

The Panel will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018, to review applications and decide which applicants to interview.

#### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider