

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 3:40-4:25 p.m.  
Boston City Hall, Room 608

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral appointee  
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
Steven Neville (for UMass.-Boston Chancellor Keith Motley)  
Rhoda Schneider (for Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester)  
William Thomas, Boston Public Schools, Principal  
James Travers, Boston Municipal Research Bureau

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Ms. Ciardi said Michael O'Neill's term on the School Committee concludes at the end of 2016. Mr. O'Neill is eligible to apply for reappointment and has not yet indicated if he will do so. The statute requires the Panel to submit 3-5 names to the Mayor for the seat by the first Monday in December (December 5, 2016).

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2015.

3. Election of Chairperson

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

Panel members asked Ms. Ciardi to note for the record the legal advice that the City Law Department provided in November 2015 about the protocol when the Panel is submitting nominations to the Mayor for more than one vacant seat. While there is only one vacancy in 2016, the Law Department's advice will be useful in future years when two seats on the School Committee need to be filled. Ms. Ciardi said the City Law Department has advised that: (1) the Panel must submit a list of 3-5 names for each seat, and (2) the Panel may include the same names (one, some, or all) on each list, if it so chooses.

#### 4. Review School Committee Application

The Panel reviewed the application form and discussed revisions to update and clarify several questions. Ms. Ciardi agreed to revise the application according to the consensus recommendations and email the revised application form to Panel members.

The Panel discussed the interview process and agreed that interviews will continue to start off with a brief opportunity for the candidate to present, followed by questions from Panel members on topics including the relationship between traditional public schools and charter schools, school facilities, and the role that the applicant would play as a School Committee member.

#### 5. Application deadline and meeting/interview dates

Ms. Ciardi said she will post the application as soon as possible. The panel agreed to the following schedule:

- Monday, November 15: Applications due at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 17 at 3:30 p.m.: Panel will meet to review applications, provided that at least 9 applications are received by the deadline. If 8 or fewer applications are received, the Panel will cancel the November 17 meeting and will interview all the applicants.
- Thursday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m.: Panel will meet to interview candidates and decide on nominees.
- Monday, December 5: Deadline to submit nominations to the Mayor.

#### 6. Next meeting

The Panel will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016, to review applications and decide which applicants to interview, provided that at least 9 applications are received by the deadline. If 8 or fewer applications are received, the Panel will cancel the November 17 meeting and will interview all the applicants at its meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

#### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider