

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 4:05-5:35 p.m.  
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau  
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 4:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of July 13, 2021, and July 14, 2021.

3. Elect Chairperson

Ms. Ciardi said it has been an honor to chair the Panel for 7 years, and because of her other professional and family responsibilities, she would like to either step down as chairperson, or continue in the role and share more administrative tasks among Panel members. The other members expressed great appreciation for Ms. Ciardi's skill and experience as chairperson and offered to share the workload. Because the statute calls for "a" chairperson, the Panel cannot create co-chairs, so members agreed that the chairperson could call on them to carry out specific tasks and they would pitch in to make the workload more manageable. With this understanding, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to elect Ms. Ciardi as chairperson. Panel members thanked Ms. Ciardi for her service.

4. Review Upcoming School Committee Vacancies

Ms. Ciardi stated the terms of the two School Committee members recently appointed by Acting Mayor Janey – Lorena Lopera and Rafaela Polanco Garcia – expire when the new Mayor takes office on or about November 16, 2021. The elected Mayor will fill the remaining unexpired terms (2 years) for each of these two seats. In addition, the terms of Dr. Hardin Coleman and Ernani DeAraujo expire in early January 2022 and the new Mayor will make appointments to those seats for 4-year terms. For each seat, the Panel must send 3-5 names to the Mayor – by November 16, 2021 for the two 2-year terms and by December 1, 2021 for the two 4-year terms.

## 5. Review School Committee Application

The Panel reviewed and discussed the most recent application form. By consensus, the Panel agreed on some revisions and clarifications and to make this a single application on which applicants can check whether they wish to be considered for the 2-year term, the 4-year term, or both. Ms. Ciardi said she would send the updated application to Panel members and get it posted on the School Committee web page. She encouraged all members to use their networks to spread the word.

## 6. Establish Application Deadline and Date for Interviews

The Panel discussed the process and timeline and, by consensus, agreed that:

- Applications for the 2-year terms will be due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021; and applications for the 4-year terms will be due by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24, 2021.
- For the two seats with 2-year terms:
  - The Panel will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021, to decide which applicants to interview, if 11 or more applications have been received. The meeting will be cancelled if 10 or fewer applications are received.
  - The Panel will meet on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 (and if necessary, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021) to interview the selected applicants and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 names for each seat to submit to the Mayor. These meetings will be scheduled for 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- For the two seats with 4-year terms:
  - The Panel will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021, to decide which applicants to interview, if 11 or more applications have been received. The meeting will be cancelled if 10 or fewer applications are received.
  - The Panel will meet on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 (and if necessary, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021) to interview the selected applicants and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 names for each seat to submit to the Mayor. These meetings will be scheduled for 3:00-6:00 p.m.

## 5. Public Comment

Ms. Ciardi invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. No comments were submitted.

## 6. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider