

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 4:05-5:00 p.m.  
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Tony Barros, Mayoral appointee  
Michelle Cannon, Special Education Parent Advisory Council  
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parent Council  
Darlene Lombos, Mayoral appointee  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau  
Valerie Roberson, Roxbury Community College  
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)

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. The term of School Committee member Michael O’Neill will conclude at the end of 2020. The statute requires the Panel to submit 3-5 names to the Mayor for the vacant seat by the first Monday in December (December 7, 2020).

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2019.

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 2019 application form and, after discussion, agreed to the following revisions:

- Insert a new #9, which reads as follows: Mayor Walsh has declared racism to be a public health crisis in the City of Boston. How would you infuse equity and racial justice into all aspects of your work on the School Committee?
- Renumber subsequent questions accordingly.

- Revise #10 (formerly #9) so that the beginning of the question reads as follows: If you were appointed to the School Committee, what would be your ideas for these policy areas given in-person, remote, and hybrid learning models:
- Revise #7 so that the question reads as follows: Given the fiscal oversight responsibilities of the School Committee, what experience do you have in helping schools or other organizations to address fiscal challenges?
- Revise #6 so that the question reads as follows: What do you think the relationship should be between the Boston School Committee and the Superintendent? between the Boston School Committee and the Mayor?
- Change application deadline date and interview date on page 1. (See below.)

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

#### 5. Application Deadline and Meeting/Interview Dates

The Panel agreed to the following schedule:

- Monday, November 16, 2020: Applications are due at 11:59 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.
- Thursday, November 19, 2020: The Panel will meet at 4:00 p.m. to review applications and select applicants to interview – provided that if 8 or fewer applications are received by the deadline, the November 19 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 and decide on nominees.
- Monday, December 7, 2020: Deadline to submit nominations to the Mayor.

#### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider