

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 4:10-5:10 p.m.

Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association, Panel Chair

Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network

Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parents Council

Jerry Howland, Mayoral Appointee

Charlie Kim, Special Education Parents Advisory Council

Rhoda Schneider (for Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)

Rachel Skerritt, Mayoral Appointee

Staff Assistance: Sky Flores, Policy Assistant, Office of Mayor Michelle Wu, City of Boston

1. Call Meeting to Order

Will Thomas, Chair of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Ms. Flores informed the Panel that Tony Barros, who held one of the mayoral appointee seats on the Panel, has stepped down. She said Mayor Wu may appoint a new member to the Panel before the next meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the October 4, 2023 meeting. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to approve the minutes. The vote, by roll call, was unanimous.

### 3. Finalization of School Committee Application

The Panel reviewed the most recent version of the School Committee member application and discussed changes to make it more current and clearer and to streamline a few sections. After the discussion and consensus on the changes, Ms. Flores produced the new application form and said she would get it posted. The updated form is here: [School Committee Application](#)

### 4. Finalization of Timeline

The Panel discussed and agreed to this timeline:

- Applications due: by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023
- Panel meets to decide which applicants to interview: 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2023
- Panel meets to interview selected applicants and deliberate on names to submit to the Mayor: week of November 27, 2023

Chair Thomas said the deadline for the Panel to submit nominations to the Mayor is Monday, December 4, 2023. He said Ms. Flores would contact Panel members to set dates and times for the meetings to be held the week of November 27.

Chair Thomas urged Panel members to use their networks to distribute the application and spread the word about the opportunity to serve on the School Committee. Ms. Flores said the Mayor's office and the School Department will be doing outreach, including a press release and social media.

### 5. Public Comment

Chair Thomas invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. Victoria Mitchell commented that some Panel meeting minutes have not yet been posted on the website. Alison Pultinas commented that it would be helpful to have flyers about the School Committee vacancies available at School Committee meetings. Ms. Flores said she would follow up on both.

## 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda E. Schneider