



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**January 3, 2018**

The Boston School Committee held its annual organizational a meeting on January 3, 2018 at 4 p.m. at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, School Committee chamber, Roxbury, Massachusetts. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org), email [feedback@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:feedback@bostonpublicschools.org) or call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

### **ATTENDANCE**

School Committee Members Present: Chairperson Michael D. O'Neill; Vice Chair Hardin Coleman; Michael Loconto; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Jeri Robinson; Regina Robinson; Dr. Miren Uriarte; and student representative Keondre McClay.

School Committee Members Absent: None.

### **DOCUMENTS PRESENTED**

Agenda

2018 Calendar of Meetings

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. O'Neill led the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order. He congratulated Dr. Coleman and Mr. Loconto on their reappointments to the School Committee. Both were sworn in to new four-year terms by Mayor Walsh earlier that day. Mr. O'Neill then briefly explained the School Committee nomination and appointment process.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Dr. Uriarte requested that the meeting agenda items be shared in advance. Ms. Jeri Robinson echoed the request, adding the members should be given context for agenda items. Ms. Oliver-Dávila concurred and suggested that the Committee schedule a planning retreat for the near future.

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**Approved** – By roll call, the Committee unanimously approved the 2018 School Committee meeting calendar.

Mr. O’Neill read aloud his letter to fellow members announcing that he will not seek another term as chair of the Committee. Committee members then took turns thanking Mr. O’Neill for his strong leadership over the past five years, describing him as a dedicated public servant who is a good listener, sincere, respectful, focused, and humble.

Mr. O’Neill called for nominations for the office of chair. Ms. Oliver-Dávila nominated Mr. Loconto. Dr. Coleman seconded the nomination.

**Approved** – The Committee voted by unanimous consent to close the nominations for chairperson.

**Approved** – On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mr. Loconto chair of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2018.

Mr. O’Neill then called for nominations for the office of vice chair. Ms. Regina Robinson nominated Dr. Hardin Coleman. Ms. Jeri Robinson seconded the nomination.

**Approved** – The Committee voted by unanimous consent to close the nominations for vice chair.

**Approved** – On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Dr. Coleman vice chair of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2018.

Mr. Loconto thanked Mr. O’Neill for his service. He also thanked Mayor Walsh for his strong commitment to education. He pledged to work to close opportunity and achievement gaps and improve opportunities for high need students. He also thanked his parents, wife, and children, who were in the audience.

Mr. O’Neill thanked Mr. Loconto and Dr. Coleman for their willingness to lead the Committee in the year ahead.

## **ADJOURN**

At approximately 5 p.m., the Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth Sullivan  
Executive Secretary