



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 7, 2019

The Boston School Committee held its annual organizational a meeting on January 7, 2019 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, email feedback@bostonpublicschools.org or call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

ATTENDANCE

School Committee Members Present: Chairperson Michael Loconto; Vice Chairperson Hardin Coleman; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Michael O'Neill; and Quoc Tran.

School Committee Members Absent: Ms. Jeri Robinson; and student representative Evelyn Reyes.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Agenda

2019 Calendar of Meetings

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Loconto led the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order. He congratulated Quoc Tran on his recent appointment to a four-year term with the School Committee. Mr. Tran was sworn-in by Mayor Walsh on January 4, 2019. A Dorchester resident, Mr. Tran is an experienced civil rights attorney, a current BPS parent, and a former BPS high school teacher.

Mr. Loconto congratulated Ms. Jeri Robinson on her reappointment to the Committee for a second four-year term. Ms. Robinson brings more than 40 years of experience in teaching and consulting in the fields of early childhood and museum education. She recently retired from her position as vice president of Early Childhood Initiatives at the Boston Children's Museum. Mr. Loconto noted that Ms. Robinson is recovering from knee surgery, and said that the Committee looks forward to welcoming her back later this month.

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Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, School Committee Chamber
2300 Washington Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

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ACTION ITEMS

Approved – By roll call, the Committee unanimously approved the 2019 School Committee meeting calendar as presented.

Mr. Loconto issued a call for nominations for the office of chairperson. Mr. O’Neill nominated Mr. Loconto. Dr. Coleman seconded the nomination.

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

Mr. Loconto accepted the nomination, thanking the Committee for their trust and expressed his commitment to putting students first.

Approved – On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mr. Loconto chairperson of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2019.

Dr. Coleman expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as vice chairperson, a position he has held since 2015. Saying that the time is right for new leadership, he nominated Ms. Oliver-Dávila for the office of vice chairperson, praising her commitment to community engagement. Mr. Loconto then formally issues a call for nominations for the office of vice chairperson. Dr. Coleman nominated Ms. Oliver-Dávila. Mr. O’Neill enthusiastically seconded the nomination and thanked Dr. Coleman for his service.

Approved – The Committee voted by unanimous consent to close the nominations for vice chair. Ms. Oliver-Dávila accepted the nomination.

Approved – On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Ms. Oliver-Dávila as vice chairperson of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2019.

Mr. Loconto congratulated Ms. Oliver-Dávila and thanked her for her work as co-chair of the Superintendent Search Committee. Mr. O’Neill congratulated Mr. Loconto and Oliver-Dávila on their elections. He thanked Ms. Regina Robinson for her four years of service on the Committee, noting her focus on family engagement and students with special needs. He encouraged her to stay involved with BPS.

ADJOURN

At approximately 4:27 p.m., the Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth Sullivan
Executive Secretary