



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REMOTE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 3, 2022

The Boston School Committee held a remote annual organizational meeting on January 3, 2022 at 5 p.m. on Zoom. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/schoolcommittee, email feedback@bostonpublicschools.org or call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

ATTENDANCE

School Committee Members: Chairperson Jeri Robinson; Vice Chairperson Michael O'Neill; Lorena Lopera; Rafaela Polanco Garcia; Quoc Tran; and Student Representative Xyra Mercer.

School Committee Members Absent: None.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Robinson called the meeting to order. Ms. Sullivan called the roll. All members were present. Ms. Robinson said that tonight's meeting was being streamed live on Zoom. It will be rebroadcast on Boston City TV. It will also be posted at bostonpublicschools.org/schoolcommittee and on YouTube. She announced that simultaneous interpretation services were available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Kaboverdianu, Haitian Creole, Cantonese, Mandarin, and American Sign Language (ASL); the interpreters introduced themselves and gave instructions in their native language on how to access simultaneous interpretation by changing the Zoom channel. Meeting documents were translated into all nine of the official BPS languages and publicly posted at www.bostonpublicschools.org/schoolcommittee.

Ms. Robinson announced that the terms of Dr. Hardin Coleman and Ernani DeAraujo expired today and that both have decided not to seek reappointment. She thanked them both for their service and commitment to the district. She said that the Mayor's Office informed her that Mayor Wu's appointments to the School Committee have been delayed by the City's response to the

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recent surge in the ongoing COVID pandemic. Mayor Wu looks forward to making the appointments in the near future.

2022 MEETING CALENDAR

Approved - On roll call, the School Committee unanimously approved the 2022 meeting calendar as presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Robinson issued a call for nominations for the office of chairperson for calendar year 2022. Mr. Tran nominated Jeri Robinson. Ms. Lopera seconded the nomination.

Approved – On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to close the nominations for chairperson.

Approved – On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Ms. Jeri Robinson as chairperson of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2022. Ms. Robinson thanked the Committee for entrusting her with the privilege of leading the Committee.

Ms. Robinson issued a call for nominations for the office of vice chairperson for calendar year 2022. Mr. Tran nominated Michael O’Neill. Ms. Lopera seconded the nomination.

Approved – On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to close the nominations for vice chairperson.

Approved – By roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mr. O’Neill as vice chairperson of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2022. Mr. O’Neill expressed support for Chair Robinson and said looks forward to addressing the challenging work ahead.

Mr. Tran congratulated Ms. Polanco Garcia and Lopera on their reappointments to the Committee and thanked them for their continued willingness to serve.

ADJOURN

At approximately 5:23 p.m., the Committee voted unanimously, by roll call, to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth Sullivan
Executive Secretary