



## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**January 7, 2013**

The Boston School Committee held its annual organizational meeting on January 7, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Edward Winter Chambers, 26 Court Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

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### **ATTENDANCE**

School Committee Members Present: John Barros; Meg Campbell; Rev. Gregory G. Groover; Alfreda Harris; Claudio Martinez; and Michael O'Neill.

School Committee Members Absent: Mary Tamer and student representative Dan Chu.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Rev. Groover called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF 2013 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

Following a recommendation by Mr. O'Neill that the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting be postponed until April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the School Committee unanimously approved the revised 2013 meeting calendar.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Rev. Groover announced that he was not seeking another term as chair of the School Committee. He explained that his decision was voluntary and that he is looking forward to continuing on as an active member of the Committee.

**Chair:** Rev. Groover called for nominations for the office of chair. Mrs. Harris nominated Mr. O'Neill. Mr. Barros seconded the nomination. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to close the nominations for chairperson. Mr. O'Neill accepted the nomination.

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On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mr. O'Neill chair of the Boston School Committee.

**Vice Chair:** Rev. Groover called for nominations for the office of vice chair. Mr. Martinez nominated Mrs. Harris. Mr. Barros seconded the nomination. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to close the nominations for vice chair. Mrs. Harris accepted the nomination.

On roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mrs. Harris vice chair of the Boston School Committee.

Rev. Groover invited Mr. O'Neill and Mrs. Harris to make comments.

Mr. O'Neill praised Rev. Groover for his leadership and thanked the Committee, his family, and colleagues in the business community for their support. He noted that his former teachers at the Joseph P. Manning Elementary School and Boston Latin School were instrumental in his development. Key issues for the year ahead, explained Mr. O'Neill, will be redesigning the school choice process, strategic planning and balancing the budget.

Mrs. Harris also thanked the Committee for its support.

Rev. Groover noted that Ms. Tamer is currently pursuing a Master's degree at Harvard's Graduate School of Education and could not attend the organizational meeting due to a scheduling conflict. He also thanked Ms. Campbell for making a personal sacrifice to attend the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

At approximately 6:22 p.m., the School Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan  
Executive Secretary