



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE’S  
OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENT GAPS TASK FORCE  
WORKING SESSION**

**March 31, 2016**

The Boston School Committee’s Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force held a working session on March 31, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, School Committee Chamber, 2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit [www.bostonpublicschools.org/gaps](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/gaps), email [feedback@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:feedback@bostonpublicschools.org) or call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

**ATTENDANCE**

Task Force Members Present: Co-Chair Sam Acevedo; Co-Chair Jeri Robinson; Co-Chair Ayele Shakur; Dr. Carroll Blake; Dr. Vanessa Calderon-Rosado; Kim Janey; Keondre McClay; Liliana Mickle; Dr. Gil Noam; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Carline Pignato; and Marinelle Rousmaniere.

Task Force Members Absent: Jennifer Aponte; Heshan Berents-Weeramuni; Dr. Hardin Coleman; Kenny Feng; Adrienne Level; Filiberto Santiago-Lizardi; Ron Walker; and Sherman Zemler Wu. Suzanne Lee and Dr. Miren Uriarte, English Language Learners Task Force liaisons to the OAG Task Force, were also not present.

**DOCUMENTS PRESENTED**

Agenda

Proposed Timeline for Completion of Draft Revised OAGTF Policy

Non-negotiables – updated March 15, 2016 (draft)

Subcommittee Goal Revision /Amendment Form

Policy revision worksheet

Subgroup Notes from March 15, 2016

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A list of combined goals pairing the 2006 Achievement Gap policy goals with Annenberg Report recommendations according to theme

Additional 2015 Annenberg Report Recommendations

The 2006 Achievement Gap Policy

Minutes of the November 17, 2015, November 24, 2015 and December 8, 2015 OAG Task Force meetings (containing notes from earlier subgroup work)

Promising Practices and Unfinished Business: Fostering Equity and Excellence for Black and Latino Males (Executive Summary)

Opportunity and Equality: Enrollment and Outcomes of Black and Latino Males in Boston Public Schools (Executive Summary)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

## **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Mr. Acevedo explained that the Task Force would break up into the following three subgroups in order to continue revising and updating the district's Opportunity and Achievement Gaps policy:

### **Group 1 - District Goals, Policy, and Operations**

Jeri Robinson  
Marinelle Rousmaniere  
Adrienne Level  
Kenny Feng  
Kim Janey  
Heshan Berents-Weeramuni  
Sherman Zemler Wu

### **Group 2 - Leadership and School Culture**

Pastor Sam Acevedo  
Dr. Carroll Blake  
Ron Walker  
Jennifer Aponte  
Dr. Vanessa Calderon-Rosado  
Keondre McClay  
Alexandra Oliver-Davila  
Suzanne Lee

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**Group 3 - Teaching and Learning**

Ayele Shakur  
Liliana Mickle  
Dr. Gil Noam  
Filiberto Santiago-Lizardi  
Dr. Hardin Coleman  
Carline Pignato

Each Task Force member received a packet containing the following information:

- A list of combined goals pairing the 2006 Achievement Gap policy goals with Annenberg Report recommendations according to theme
- Subcommittee Goal Revision /Amendment Form
- Policy revision worksheet
- The 2006 Achievement Gap Policy
- Notes from earlier subgroup work from fall 2015
- A draft list of "non-negotiables" that Task Force members would like included in the final policy
- Timeline for completion of work
- Minutes/notes from the March 29, 2016 meeting

The co-chairs then reconvened the full Task Force and announced that the members would continue revising and updating the goals at the next working session on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

At approximately 6:30 p.m., the co-chairs adjourned the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan  
Executive Secretary