

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Tuesday, December 6, 2021, 3:08-7:00 p.m.  
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson, Mayoral appointee  
Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral appointee  
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network  
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parent Council  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral appointee  
Charlie Kim, Special Education Parent Advisory Council  
Michael Maguire, Boston Teachers Union  
Susan Ou, Bilingual Parent Advisory Council  
John Riordan, Boston Municipal Research Bureau  
Rhoda Schneider (for MA Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Laurie Ciardi, Chairperson of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. Review List of Applicants to Interview

The Panel reviewed the list of six applicants to be interviewed today for the two open School Committee seats (four-year terms expiring 1/5/2026).

3. Interview Applicants

The Panel interviewed the six applicants. Ms. Camacho joined the meeting and the interviews at 3:45 p.m.

4. Public Comment

Ms. Ciardi invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. Sharon Hinton offered comments on the nomination process.

5. Discussion and Deliberation

The Panel discussed the process for evaluating the 12 applicants it had interviewed on December 2, 2021 and today and creating lists of nominees for the two open seats. By consensus, the Panel agreed to a two-step process: first vote on each of the 12 applicants using a point system (yes=2 points, maybe=1 point, no=0 points) and then assign the top-scoring applicants to the two lists.

The Panel discussed the 12 applicants, determined that seven scored highest, and deliberated on assigning the names to two lists to send to the Mayor. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to submit the following names to Mayor Wu for her to consider for appointment to the two open School Committee seats<sup>i</sup>:

Seat A

Stephen Alkins  
R. Kelly Cameron  
Brandon Cardet-Hernandez  
Bethany Moffi  
Jisca Philippe

Seat B

Stephen Alkins  
R. Kelly Cameron  
Ernani DeAraujo  
Bethany Moffi  
Aneesh Sahni

6. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 1, 2021 and December 2, 2021.

7. Adjournment

Members thanked Ms. Ciardi for her skill in leading the Panel through so many meetings in 2021, and Ms. Ciardi thanked the members for their commitment to this work. There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhoda E. Schneider

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<sup>i</sup> The City Law Department advised in November 2015 that when more than one seat is open, (1) the Panel must submit a list of 3-5 names for each seat, consistent with the statute, and (2) the Panel may include the same names (one, some, or all) on each list, if it so chooses.