

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 4:10-6:21 p.m.
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

Tony Barros, City of Boston, Mayoral Appointee
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network
Jerry Howland, Mayoral Appointee
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)
Rachel Skerritt, Mayoral Appointee
William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association

Staff Assistance:

Jisca Philippe, Special Assistant to the Chief of Policy, Boards and Commissions,
City of Boston

1. Call Meeting to Order

Jerry Howland, as Chairperson *pro tem* of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2021. The vote, by roll call, was 7-0-2. Mr. Barros and Mr. Thomas abstained.

3. Elect Chairperson

Mr. Howland said he would be willing to chair the Panel unless another member volunteers. Mr. Thomas said he is interested and willing to serve as Chairperson. Mr. Howland thanked Mr. Thomas and seconded the nomination. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to appoint Mr. Thomas as Chairperson. The vote, by roll call, was unanimous. Panel members thanked Mr. Thomas, who chaired the rest of the meeting.

4. Review School Committee Application

The Panel reviewed and discussed the most recent application form and agreed to make some changes to simplify and clarify it. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to accept the changes to the application form. The vote, by roll call, was unanimous.

5. Establish Application Deadline and Date for Interviews

The Panel discussed the process and timeline relating to the two vacancies on the School Committee. The terms of (Geraldine) Jeri Robinson and Quoc Tran are expiring and the Mayor will make

appointments to each of these seats for 4-year terms. For each seat, the Panel must send 3-5 names to the Mayor by December 2, 2022.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** as follows:

- Applications will be due by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.
- The Panel will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, via Zoom, to decide which applicants to interview, if 11 or more applications have been received. The meeting will be cancelled if 10 or fewer applications are received.
- The Panel will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 (and if necessary, on Wednesday, November 30, 2022) to interview the selected applicants and then deliberate and decide on a list of 3-5 names for each seat to submit to the Mayor. The meetings will be scheduled for 3:00-6:00 p.m. and will be held in person at City Hall, with the option to attend via Zoom if a hybrid meeting format is acceptable under City protocols.

The vote, by roll call, was 8-1, with Mr. Maguire opposed.

Chair Thomas said the updated application would be posted on the School Committee web page and encouraged members to spread the word about the opportunity to apply.

6. Public Comment

Chair Thomas invited members of the public attending the meeting to submit comments. No comments were submitted.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda E. Schneider