

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**
Thursday, November 21, 2024, 4:30p.m.
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association, Panel Chair
Neema Avashia, Boston Teachers Union
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network
Dr. Mary Grant, designee of Commissioner of Higher Education
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parents Council
Jerry Howland, Mayoral Appointee
Charlie Kim, Special Education Parents Advisory Council
Susan Ou, Bilingual Master PAC
Natalie Rivkin McSwain, Mayoral Appointee
Rhoda Schneider, designee of Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education
Rachel Skerritt, Mayoral Appointee
Marty Walz, Interim President, Boston Municipal Research Bureau

Staff Assistance: Tali Robbins, Gaelle Nelfise, and Maggie Van Scoy, Office of Mayor Michelle Wu, City of Boston

1. Introductions

Will Thomas, Chair of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to approve the minutes. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

3. Conduct interviews with shortlisted Applicants

Before beginning interviews, the Chair suggested and the Panel agreed to reschedule the second group of interviews from Friday November 22, 2024 to Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 4:30pm.

The Nominating Panel interviewed four candidates: Ayele Shakur, Miniard Culpepper, Ilene Carver, and Aidan Foley.

4. Public Comment

Chair Thomas invited comments from members of the public attending the meeting.

Edith Bazile thanked the City of Boston for correcting previous challenges with the meeting link, and commented regarding the diversity of questions from the Panel members.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tali Robbins