

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**

Monday, August 7th, 2023, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members Present:

William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association, Panel Chairperson

Neema Avashia, Boston Teachers Union

Angelina Camacho, Boston Parents Organizing Network

Joanne Freeman-Fanfan, Citywide Parent Council

Mary Grant, MassArt

Jerry Howland, Mayoral Appointee

Charlie Kim, Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Pam Kocher, Boston Municipal Research Bureau

Rhoda Schneider, Designee, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Rachel Skerritt, Mayoral Appointee

1. Call Meeting to order

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

2. Approval of the minutes

Ms. Avashia made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 2, 2023 Nominating Panel meeting. Ms. Skerritt seconded. The panel voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3. Interviews

The Panel interviewed 5 applicants for the open School Committee seat, out of the 7 total applicants that the Panel chose to move onto the interview round.

4. Public Comment

Peggy Wiesenberg offered a comment saying that she had trouble hearing some of the questions and answers, which might be because of technical issues on her end.

Victoria Mitchell shared that all Boston School Committee members are trained with professional development through the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Jeri Robinson offered her gratitude to be able to hear from potential candidates. She also shared that in addition to resources from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the majority of School Committee meetings also attend a 4-day training program at the Harvard Business School co-sponsored by the Council of Great City Schools.

5. Recess

Mr. Thomas proposed recessing the meeting until 4:30pm on August 8, 2023.

6. Call to Order

Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:35pm on August 9, 2023.

7. Interviews

The Panel interviewed 2 candidates for the open School Committee seat, out of the 7 total applicants that the Panel chose to move onto the interview round.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Roll Call Vote

After a motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Thomas called for a roll call vote to approve a list of the following candidates to send to the Mayor for her consideration: Chantal Lima Barbosa, Jabes Rojas, Cheng Imm Tan, and Kabrillen Jones. The vote was unanimous in favor.

10. Adjourn

After a motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Thomas called for a vote to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.