Minutes of the Meeting of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 5:00pm
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members present:

Will Thomas, Chair – Boston High School Heads Association
Angelina Camacho – Boston Parent Organizing Network
Kharlita Chambers-Walker – Mayoral appointee
Joanne Freeman-Fanfan – Citywide Parent Council
Mary Grant – designee of the Commissioner of Higher Education
Jerry Howland – Mayoral appointee
Charlie Kim – Special Education Parents Advisory Council
Midori Morikawa – designee of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
Sammy Nabulsi – Mayoral appointee
Natalie Rivkin – Mayoral appointee
Lauren Woo – designee of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

1. **Introductions**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:07pm. He invited the Nominating Panel members to introduce themselves, including three new members: Kharlita Chambers-Walker, a Mayoral appointee; Midori Morikawa, designee of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce; and Lauren Woo, designee of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Chair Thomas shared that this Nominating Panel process would select a member to fill the vacancy left by former School Committee member Chantal Lima Barbosa until the expiration of the term on January 1, 2028.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes of the November 26, 2024 meeting. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to approve the minutes. The minutes were accepted with nine votes in the affirmative and one abstention.

3. **Timeline Overview for Nominating Process**

Chair Thomas shared a tentative timeline for the Nominating Panel process:

- July 16: BSC Nominating Panel convenes to review application and finalize schedule
- July 17 - August 8: Applications are open
- August 9 - 10: BSC Nominating Panel members review applications independently
- Monday, August 11: BSC Nominating Panel convenes to select candidates to interview
- August 13 - 14: Interviews and deliberation
- August 15: Deadline to submit shortlist to Mayor Wu
- September 1: Deadline for Mayor Wu to appoint a new member

Members discussed and agreed to the proposed timeline. Dr. Grant proposed that the next meeting include an agenda item to discuss standard interview questions. Mr. Kim agreed and clarified that interview questions were not required to constitute a strict evaluation rubric, but should be relatively consistent to make sure interviews cover important themes. Ms. Camacho agreed the Panel could consistently cover major themes while still leaving some flexibility for other questions in each interview. Members agreed to use the same application as last year.

4. **Public Comment**

Alison Pultinas shared that she would share the Nominating Panel timeline in The Fenway News.

5. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tali Robbins