



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENT GAPS TASK FORCE
VIRTUAL WORKING SESSION**

May 15, 2025

The Boston School Committee Opportunity and Achievement Gaps (OAG) Task Force held a virtual working session on Zoom on May 15, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/gaps, email lpavex@bostonpublicschools.org, or call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

ATTENDANCE

Task Force Members Present: Rev. Willie Bodrick; Dr. Lisa Gonsalves; Dr. Gil Noam, Carline Dr. Pignato, Filiberto Santiago-Lizardi; Co-Chair Jeri Robinson; and Co-Chair Ayele Shakur.

Task Force Members Absent: Marinell Rousmaniere

OAG Policy Director Tamika Estwick Buckmire; Manager of Policy Stacy Guerrero; Senior Advisor for Strategy and Opportunity Gap Dr. Colin Rose.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

[Agenda](#)

2016 Opportunity And Achievement Gaps Policy

OAG Policy Reorganized

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There was a quorum present.

SUMMARY OF WORKING SESSION

Refresh of the 2016 OAG Policy: Ms. Shakur explained that the session focused on updating the 2016 Policy using the reorganized draft prepared by Rev. Willie Bodrick. She acknowledged his contributions and reminded the group that his marked-up version was shared earlier during the day. She said that the goal for the session was to finalize the revised policy format and begin applying it to goals two through six with a focus on alignment and clarity. The work was divided in three buckets: leadership, clear mutual accountability, and strategic alignment.

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The members reviewed and updated goals one and two of the document. Ms. Shakur emphasized the importance of aligning the policy work with Dr. Rose's ongoing development of the strategic plan. She cautioned that delays in the refresh could lead to misalignment between the two. This process should be a policy refresh, not a full reorganization, which would take significantly more time. She also said that Dr. Rose is already working on implementation goals tied to the strategic plan, which is meant to be informed by the updated policy.

Mr. Santiago-Lizardi praised Rev. Bodrick's work, calling it outstanding. He added that the work had brought renewed energy, and a strong sense of purpose to the work.

Ms. Robinson thanked the members and said that the next Task Force meeting will take place on Zoom on Thursday, June 5th at 4 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved - At approximately 5:30 p.m. the Task Force unanimously approved a motion by roll call to adjourn to the meeting.

Attest:



Lena Parvex
Executive Secretary