Minutes of the Meeting of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel
Thursday, August 14, 4:00pm
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
Mary Grant – designee of the Commissioner of Higher Education
Jerry Howland – Mayoral appointee
Joanne Freeman – Citywide Parent Council
Midori Morikawa – designee of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
Susan Ou – Bilingual Master PAC
Lauren Woo – designee of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:04pm and gave Panel members a few minutes to review the meeting minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting. On a motion properly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to accept the meeting minutes from the August 13, 2025 with seven votes in the affirmative and one abstention.

2. Conduct Interviews

The Nominating Panel conducted interviews with three candidates: Eva Scapicchio, Shanda Williams, and Lisa Gonsalves. The Panel discussed another candidate, Ross Wilson, who was invited for an interview but was not available. The Panel agreed to consider Ross Wilson as part of the candidate pool.

3. Deliberation and Vote

The Panel indicated whether they would like to advance each candidate on to the shortlist for the Mayor's for consideration with a "yes," "no," or "maybe." On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel unanimously **voted** to advance the following candidates to the shortlist: Lisa Gonsalves, Rachel Skerritt, Eva Rose Scapicchio, Shanda Williams, and Ross Wilson.

4. Public Comment

Victoria Mitchell spoke favorably about the process and thanked the Panel members for their thoughtful questions.

Mary Grant expressed her appreciation for each applicant for their willingness to serve, and for the strong candidate pool. Angelina Camacho shared her appreciation for the process and encouraged candidates to apply again in future rounds.

5. Adjourn

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tali Robbins