



Minutes of the Meeting of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 5:00pm

Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

Members present:

Will Thomas, Chair
Neema Avashia
Angelina Camacho
Kharlita Chambers-Walker
Joanne Freeman-Fanfan
Mary Grant
Jerry Howland
Bethany Moffi
Midori Morikawa
Sammy Nabulsi
Natalie Rivkin McSwain
Lauren Woo

Staff assistance:

Tali Robbins
Dahlia Roberts

1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Nominating Panel **voted** to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2025 meeting of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel.

Bethany Moffi introduced herself as the new member representing the Special Education Parents Advisory Council.

2. Review Applications and Select Candidates for Interviews

Chair Thomas shared that there were 22 applications submitted for three upcoming vacancies on the Boston School Committee. Using a spreadsheet, Chair Thomas invited each member to indicate whether they believed each applicant should be invited for an interview, using “yes,” “no,” or “maybe.”

Of the 22 applicants, the Nominating Panel deliberated and selected 13 applicants to invite to an interview: Brandon Cardet-Hernandez, Thien Simpson, Lydia Torres, Franklin Peralta, Trina Ruffin, Stephen Alkins, Yi Zheng, Kurt Faustin, Lisa Skehill Maki, Chimel Idiokitas, Omar Sahrour, Kelsey Brendel, Nicole DuFauchard.

The Nominating Panel discussed the interview schedule and decided to begin the next meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 4:30pm and the meeting on Wednesday, November 19 at 5:00pm.

3. Public Comment

Victoria Mitchell shared that it was a long list of candidates, and asked the Chair to confirm the interview schedule.

4. Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Nominating Panel **voted** to adjourn at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tali Robbins