

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.  
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andrea Ackerman (phoned in), Sean Corcoran (remote), Adrian Johnson, Mitchell Shinbrot, Ian Thomas, Beverly Washington, Jay Weitlauf (remote) Jennifer White, Michael Whitney (remote)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Susan Austin

I. CALL TO ORDER - Superintendent Austin called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Austin asked for nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Education.

**NOMINATION:** Ackerman, Whitney; to nominate Beverly Washington as Chairperson of the Board of Education.

As a point of information, Mr. Thomas stated that Beverly Washington was also elected to City Council and asked if it is her intention to resign that position if she is elected Chair. Mrs. Washington responded by stating probably so and that she will perform her duties as Chair as she has in the past.

**NOMINATION:** Thomas, Whitney; to nominate Ian Thomas as Chairperson of the Board of Education.

The following roll call was taken on the nominations for Chairperson:

Jennifer White - voted for Beverly Washington  
Beverly Washington - voted for Beverly Washington  
Adrian Johnson - voted for Beverly Washington  
Ian Thomas - voted for Ian Thomas  
Mitch Shinbrot - voted for Beverly Washington  
Mike Whitney - voted for Beverly Washington  
Jay Weitlauf - voted for Beverly Washington  
Sean Corcoran - voted for Beverly Washington  
Andrea Ackerman - voted for Beverly Washington

Superintendent Austin congratulated Beverly Washington on being elected as the Board's Chairperson. Chairperson Washington asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson/Secretary.

**NOMINATION:** Thomas, Washington; to nominate Adrian Johnson as Vice Chairperson/Secretary of the Board of Education.

**NOMINATION:** Shinbrot; to nominate Mike Whitney as Vice Chairperson/Secretary of the Board of Education.

Mr. Thomas stated that Adrian Johnson has done a fine job as Vice Chairperson and looks forward to seeing him continue the work.

Mr. Shinbrot stated that he feels it would be nice to give another person an opportunity for that role and Mike Whitney would do an excellent job.

The following roll call was taken on the nominations for Vice Chairperson/Secretary:

Jennifer White - voted for Adrian Johnson  
Beverly Washington - voted for Adrian Johnson  
Adrian Johnson - voted for Adrian Johnson  
Ian Thomas - voted for Adrian Johnson  
Mitch Shinbrot - voted for Mike Whitney  
Mike Whitney - voted for Adrian Johnson  
Jay Weitlauf - voted for Adrian Johnson  
Sean Corcoran - voted for Adrian Johnson  
Andrea Ackerman - voted for Adrian Johnson

Chairperson Washington stated that Adrian Johnson will continue to be the Board's Vice Chairperson/Secretary.

III. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Ackerman, White; to adjourn at 5:52 p.m.  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**