

The Organizational Meeting of the New London Board of Education was held in the New London Public Schools Welcome Center and Zoom Webinars on December 1, 2025.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Maynard-Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present for the Board of Education: Rebecca Amanti
Karen Bergin
Nanci DeRobbio
Scott Garbini
Susan Hambey
Richard Martin
Elaine Maynard-Adams

2. Swearing-In of New Board of Education Members

All members of the New London Board of Education were sworn in by Kristea A. Francolino in her role as Notary Public.

New Board Members are Seated

- Ms. Maynard-Adams confirmed that all newly elected members of the New London Board of Education have been administered the Oath of Office.

3. Election of Officers

Motion by Mr. Garbini, seconded by Ms. Ms. Maynard-Adams, to nominate Ms. Bergin as Temporary Chairperson.

Motion carried, 7-0

a. Election of a President

Ms. Bergin called for any nominations for the office of President.

Motion by Ms. Hambey, seconded by Mr. Martin to nominate Ms. Maynard-Adams as President.

There were no other nominations.

Votes were made by voice and reduced to writing. Voting for Ms. Maynard-Adams as President was unanimous, 7-0.

Ms. Maynard-Adams was elected President of the New London Board of Education.

b. Election of a Vice President

Ms. Bergin called for any nominations for the office of Vice-President.

Motion by Ms. Amanti, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams to nominate Ms. Bergin as Vice-President.

There were no other nominations.

Votes were made by voice and reduced to writing. Voting for Ms. Bergin as Vice-President was unanimous, 7-0.

Ms. Karen Bergin was elected Vice-President of the New London Board of Education.

c. Election of a Secretary

Ms. Bergin called for any nominations for the office of Secretary

Motion by Ms. DeRobbio, seconded by Ms. Bergin to nominate Mr. Garbini as Secretary.

There were no other nominations.

Votes were made by voice and reduced to writing. Voting for Mr. Garbini as Secretary was unanimous, 7-0.

Mr. Garbini was elected Secretary of the New London Board of Education.

5. Remarks of the Chair

Ms. Maynard-Adams stated that this begins her twentieth year serving on the Board of Education, and for about ten of those years she has served in a leadership role. She stated that we are here to advocate for 3,000 students and their families and approximately 750 employees. It is an awesome responsibility, and one that the Board all takes seriously. As Board members each has a responsibility to support and help each other. This happens by coming to meetings prepared and having the willingness to listen to others and consider other peoples' views. No one member can act alone and no one member can know all there is to know about the school district. Teamwork makes this dream work. She thanked everyone for joining the Board this evening and congratulated all.

6. New Business

b. Approval of the Calendar of Board Meetings for 2026

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Garbini to approve the Calendar of Board Meetings for 2026.

Motion carried, 7-0

c. Appointment of Board Committees and Board Representatives

Ms. Maynard-Adams read for the record the committee and representative appointments.

A copy of these appointments can be found at the end of these minutes.

c. Adoption of Policy Manual

Motion Mr. Garbini, seconded by Ms. Bergin, to adopt the NLPS Policy Manual.

Motion carried, 7-0

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Garbini, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 7 – 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6: 13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services

Officers (by election):

President: Elaine Maynard-Adams

Vice-President: Karen Bergin

Secretary: Scott Garbini

Committees (by appointment):

- **Executive Committee:** Elaine Maynard-Adams, Karen Bergin, Scott Garbini (by board policy)
- **Finance & Audit Committee:** Elaine Maynard-Adams (Chair), Sue Hambey, Rich Martin
- **Policy Committee:** Scott Garbini (Chair), Becky Amanti, Nanci DeRobbio
- **School Facilities & Program Design Committee:** Sue Hambey (Chair), Rich Martin, Karen Bergin
- **Curriculum Committee:** Nanci DeRobbio (Chair), Becky Amanti, Scott Garbini
- **Community Information Committee:** Karen Bergin (Chair), Sue Hambey, Rich Martin

Representatives (by appointment):

- **Bulkeley Scholarship Fund:** Becky Amanti
- **Atlantic Broadband:** Rich Martin
- **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Nanci DeRobbio
- **School Maintenance and Building Committee:** Sue Hambey, Rich Martin (alternate)
- **LEARN Board:** Scott Garbini
- **CABE State Relations Committee:** Elaine Maynard-Adams (Scott Garbini and Nanci DeRobbio if needed)

School Liaisons (by appointment):

- **Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission:** Karen Bergin
- **C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School:** Nanci DeRobbio
- **Nathan Hale Arts Magnet Elementary School:** Rich Martin
- **Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School:** Scott Garbini
- **Bennie Dover Jackson Multi Magnet Middle School Campus:** Elaine Maynard-Adams
- **New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus:** Becky Amanti
- **New London Adult Education:** Sue Hambey
- **The Friendship School:** Becky Amanti