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Cameron Durant
Executive Assistant
Andreia Lacerda

SELECT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Select Board Chair Adam Murphy, Vice Chair Paul Ciaburri and Select Board Clerk Bradford Morse are present.

The Select Board's Open Meeting is opened by Chair Adam Murphy.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Board Open Session meeting minutes of February 17th, 2026:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Ciaburri to approve the open session minutes of February 17th, 2026. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Morse.
Motion carries, 3-0.

PEOPLE ON THE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from resident K. Douglas Sims:

Chair Adam Murphy makes note that the letter is entered into record.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

H4235 Rochester Fire Chief Retirement Bill Signed:

TA Durant states that he will hold off on his TA Report until the next Select Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSIONS

Joint appointment of RMS School Committee Member:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Ciaburri to table the vote seeing as this is an elected seat and Town elections will be coming up in May. The motion is seconded by RMS School Committee Chair Kate Duggan. Roll Call Vote: Ciaburri – Aye, Duggan – Aye, Rounseville – Aye, Trombly – No, Morse – No, Murphy – Abstain, Jimenez – Aye. The motion carries, 4-2 with one (1) abstention.

Select Board Chair Adam Murphy opens the floor to the public. Karen Thomas, 14 Stuart Rd, states that she believes that there is a policy, perhaps from the State, that requires the vacant seat to be filled within a time frame after notice of resignation is received. TA Durant states that according to Town Counsel, there is nothing in the Town by-laws that requires this to be filled. David Eckert, of 15 Briarwood Ln, states that Counsel and the TA are incorrect. He proceeds by reading aloud M.G.L. Chapter 41, § 11, which states that the vacant seat must be filled. Chair Adam Murphy requests that TA Durant attempt to contact Town Counsel. Elizabeth Lydon, Town Counsel, joins on Zoom. Mr. Eckert rereads the policy. Attorney Lydon states that the seat needs to be filled but that there is no timeframe under the statute. She further states there is nothing prohibiting the Board from taking it under consideration and voting at their next meeting.

Motion: A motion is made by Kate Duggan to vote to fill the vacant seat on the RMS School Committee for the remainder of the term. The motion is seconded by Robin Rounseville. Roll Call Vote: Duggan – Aye, Rounseville – Aye, Trombly – Aye, Jiminez – Aye, Ciaburri – No, Morse – Aye, Murphy – Abstain. The motion carries 5-1, with one (1) abstention.

Three individuals had submitted their interest in the vacant seat: David Arancio, Barbara Lee, and Keith Riquinha. David Arancio and Barbara Lee are present, and Mr. Riquinha is not. Each candidate briefly explains why they wish to be voted in.

Kirsten Jiminez – Arancio	Joshua Trombly – Lee
Robin Rounseville – Arancio	Kate Duggan – Arancio
Adam Murphy – Lee	Paul Ciaburri – Lee
Bradford Morse – Lee	

Motion: A motion is made by Brad Morse to vote in Barbara Lee into the RMS School Committee vacancy for the remainder of the term. The motion is seconded by Paul Ciaburri. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye, Jemenez – No, Trombly – Aye, Rounseville – No, Duggan – Aye, Ciaburri – Aye, Murphy – Aye. The motion carries, 5-2.

Discussion of FY27 Budget between Select Board and RMS School Committee:

Howie Barber presents the Rochester Public Schools, Working Superintendent's Budget. There is some discussion involving the Select Board, RMS School Committee, and the public. Chair Adam Murphy assures everyone that there will be more meetings to discuss the budget.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Ciaburri to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. Motion carries, 2-0.


Select Board Clerk


Andreia Lacerda, Executive Assistant

ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rochester, Massachusetts

TO: Town Clerk, Town of Rochester,
DATE: Massachusetts February 24, 2026
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice

Pursuant to Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the following SPECIAL meeting of the **ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE**.

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00pm

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Wilcox, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This meeting will be at Rochester Town Hall Conference Room in conjunction with the Rochester Select Board. The Rochester Town Hall is located at 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770. This meeting may be video, and audio recorded. A virtual option is provided with the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495334876>

Meeting ID: 824 9533 4876

One tap mobile

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Join instructions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/82495334876?signature=hLix0vYxwMggG-uEgPEY1U9AEM-WaCSiNpUO7C75FhE>

MEETING TO ORDER

A. Discussion and possible vote regarding an appointment to the Rochester School Committee to fill a vacant seat through the May annual Town Election.

B. Discussion of the FY2027 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

12/26/25

David Arancio

38 Box Turtle Drive

Rochester, MA 02770

Town of Rochester

1 Constitution Way

Rochester, MA 02770

Chairman Murphy, Members of the Selectboard, and Town Administrator Durant:

I respectfully submit my name for your consideration for appointment to the Rochester School Committee to serve for the remainder of the current term, until the next election is held in May 2026.

My interest in this appointment is grounded in a longstanding commitment to public service in Rochester. I currently serve as the elected Town Moderator, a role that has required impartial leadership, a thorough understanding of municipal procedure, and the ability to guide deliberative bodies through complex and sometimes contentious issues. In addition, I previously served as a member and Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, where I worked collaboratively with fellow board members, town staff, and residents.

I also have the privilege of serving as Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee, where I help evaluate long-term infrastructure needs, balance priorities, and make recommendations mindful of both fiscal responsibility and community benefit. My service on the Finance Committee further strengthened my understanding of municipal budgeting, revenue constraints, and the importance of clear communication between boards when developing and reviewing budgets.

If appointed, my sole intention would be to serve temporarily to assist the School Committee in completing its remaining work for the year. This includes, most immediately, supporting the committee as it works through its upcoming budget and related decisions. I believe my background in municipal finance, capital planning, and board governance would allow me to contribute effectively and responsibly during this period.

I wish to be clear that I do not intend to run for election to the School Committee. My interest is limited to filling the vacancy temporarily to provide continuity, support the committee's work, and serve the town during this interim period.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the Town of Rochester. I would be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

David Arancio



Fw: School committee vacancy Barbara Lee

1 message

Cameron Durant <cdurant@townofrochester.com>

Thu, Feb 5, 2026 at 2:13 PM

To: Mike Nelson <mikenelson@oldrochester.org>, Adam Murphy <amurphy@townofrochester.com>, Kate Dugan <KDugan@townofrochester.com>

Cc: Melissa Wilcox <melissawilcox@oldrochester.org>, Andreia Lacerda <Alacerda@townofrochester.com>

From: Andreia Lacerda <Alacerda@TownofRochester.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 8:44 AM

To: Cameron Durant <cdurant@TownofRochester.com>

Subject: FW: School committee vacancy

Respectfully,

Andreia C. Lacerda

Executive Assistant to the
Town Administrator & Select Board
ZBA Administrative Assistant
Town of Rochester, MA

From: Barbara Lee <Barblynn19@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 7:42 PM

To: Andreia Lacerda <Alacerda@TownofRochester.com>

Subject: School committee vacancy

You don't often get email from barblynn19@comcast.net. [Learn why this is important](#)
To whom this may concern:

I understand that a vacancy has occurred on the Rochester School Committee.

I am a registered voter of Rochester and would very much like to be appointed to serve on the Committee.

As you may recall, in the most recent town election I ran for a seat on the Committee and received over 48% of the votes cast. I remain extremely interested in serving the community in this way.

I bring a unique set of financial experience and skills with over 25 years of customer service, mostly in financial operations. I've had prior experience as a treasurer for multiple tax exempt organizations as well as worked for a Certified Public accountant for many years. In addition to my

professional experience, I also have volunteered my time with the RMS PTO, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and I am also currently on the RMS School Council.

I have always tried my best to be as involved as possible the community and in touch with neighbors thoughts and feelings regarding the students and faculty. If I am fortunate to be appointed, I have an interest in the financial decisions as well as promoting transparency and communication between the school and the community. I would like to continue the same collaboration the RMS School committee has had for the last year and a half.

Please consider appointing me to serve on the Rochester School Committee.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Lee

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508-264-1872

KEITH RIQUINHA

CONTACT

781.655-1223

email

JANUARY 08,
2025

RE: Letter of interest for school
committee seat.

Dear Rochester Select Board and School Committee members,

I would like to submit this letter of interest in consideration of filling the vacant seat on our current School Committee.

I believe I'm well fitted for the position given that I have two students in the ORR school system and am active in the community as an Old Rochester Sports Coach and Parent. I sit on the board of the Old Rochester Youth Baseball League giving me an opportunity to engage with parents and community members about issues impacting our children. I also sit on the Rochester Zoning Board, which has given me an opportunity to understand the intricacies of town government and avoiding conflicts of interest, which is important for a position like this.

I'm personally connected to the many issues involving our students and teachers. I am married to a teacher and remain informed on issues and topics affecting public education.

Lastly, I am a Vice-President of Operations for a large landscaping firm, and responsibilities include management and oversight of large budgets which is experience that will help me provide valuable input when it comes to the school budget and understanding costs.

I would be happy to discuss this interest and my professional background with you in further detail should I have the opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Regards,

Keith Riquinha
Resident & Parent
53 Marion Road
Rochester, MA 02770