

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Boston School Committee Nominating Panel**  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 4:30–5:49 p.m.  
Meeting by remote participation via Zoom

**Members Present:**

William Thomas, Boston High School Heads Association, Panel Chair  
Angelina Camacho, Boston Parent Organizing Network  
Dr. Mary Grant, designee of Commissioner of Higher Education  
Jerry Howland, Mayoral Appointee  
Charlie Kim, Special Education Parents Advisory Council  
Susan Ou, Bilingual Master PAC  
Natalie Rivkin McSwain, Mayoral Appointee  
Rhoda Schneider, designee of Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Marty Walz, Interim President, Boston Municipal Research Bureau  
Joanne Freeman, Citywide Parents Council  
Neema Avashia, Boston Teachers Union

Staff Assistance: Tali Robbins and Gaelle Nelfise, Office of Mayor Michelle Wu, City of Boston

**1. Introductions**

Will Thomas, Chair of the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and members introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Panel **voted** to approve the minutes. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

**3. Review Submitted Boston School Committee Applications**

The Panel reviewed and discussed the 14 submitted applications. Members indicated their interest in advancing candidates to an interview using the provided [Google sheet](#). The Panel collectively selected a total of eight candidates to proceed to the interview stage.

**4. Public Comment**

Chair Thomas invited comments from members of the public attending the meeting.

Krista Magnusson spoke as a representative of Bostonians for an Elected School Committee in support of changing the governance structure of BPS to be an elected body and regarding the transparency in the Nominating Panel process.

Ruby Reyes spoke as the outgoing Executive Director of the Boston Education Justice Alliance regarding Mr. O'Neill's tenure on the Boston School Committee.

Edith Bazile spoke in support of greater transparency in the Nominating Panel process and additional outreach to encourage public involvement.

Victoria Mitchell spoke favorably about the meeting.

## **5. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Panel **voted** unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tali Robbins