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WHEREAS: The School Committee updated its rules with the passage of Motion #21-306 on October 5th, 2021 to include the opportunity for Student School Committee Members to cast non-binding votes on motions and resolutions; and

WHEREAS: Student School Committee Members cast these votes starting on December 7, 2021, voting after the members of the Committee and before the Mayor; and

WHEREAS: This practice was the result of the leadership and advocacy of then-Student School Committee Members Anaïs Killian and Nuriel Vera-DeGraff in collaboration with then-Vice Chair of the School Committee Manikka Bowman and then-Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of transitions of Student School Committee membership this practice was inadvertently stopped; and

WHEREAS: This practice placed the Cambridge School Committee at the forefront of efforts to lift up student voice in School Committee deliberations, reflected the value the School Committee places on the role and perspectives of Student School Committee members, and benefited the Cambridge Public Schools by better incorporating the Student School Committee Members in the work of the School Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That beginning with the next regularly scheduled School Committee Meeting on October 7, 2025, subject to updated review by the CPSD legal department, this practice will resume, and the Executive Secretary of the School Committee will call each Student School Committee Members so that they may cast a non-binding vote on all motions and resolutions.