



**CAMBRIDGE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

(Official Minutes)

Special Meeting

January 9, 2024

Called for 6:00 p.m. and held and broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway, Cambridge for the purpose of the swearing-in of the remainder of School Committee Elects, an organizational meeting to elect a Vice Chair, and the adoption of the 2024-2025 Rules of the School Committee.

Members Present: Member Harding, Member Hudson, Member Hunter, Member Rachel, Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Mayor Simmons

Also Present: Naseem Anjaria and Jeanne Alailima, Student School Committee Representatives

Mayor Simmons in the Chair

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The Chair read the call of the meeting and proceeded to the first order of business with a roll call vote for the purpose of a soundcheck and attendance: Member Harding PRESENT; Member Hudson PRESENT; Member Rachel PRESENT; Member Weinstein PRESENT; Mayor Simmons PRESENT.

Mayor Simmons proceeded to the second order of business and introduced City Clerk Diane LeBlanc who administered the Oath of Office to Caroline Hunter and Jose Luis Rojas. Both members were congratulated after being sworn in by the Committee and meeting attendees.

Mayor Simmons asked the pleasure of the Committee to entertain nominations for the Vice Chair of the School Committee. **Member Rachel** nominated **Member Hunter** and expressed Member Hunter's commitment, educational experience, diligence, drive, and work ethic will make her a great person for the Vice Chair position. There were no other nominations.

On a motion by Member Rachel, seconded by Member Weinstein, on the following roll call vote, the Committee voted to elect Member Hunter as the Vice Chair of the 2024-2025 School Committee: Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Member Rachel YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Hunter YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

Member Hunter accepted the nomination and will serve as the Vice Chair.

The next order of business was to adopt the 2024-2025 Rules of the School Committee pending revisions and subject to amendments by the School Committee from time to time. There was a brief discussion among the Committee regarding the rules and **Mayor Simmons** shared that she and **Vice Chair Hunter** will begin work to establish a Subcommittee to do a more thorough review of the rules soon.

On a Motion by Member Harding, seconded by Member Rachel, on a voice vote, it was voted to adopt the 2024-2025 Rules of the School Committee subject to amendments from time to time.

Mayor Simmons recognized and acknowledged Councilwoman Ayesha M. Wilson, Dr. Greer, the Executive Leadership Team, and the Mayor's Director of Educational Policy and Affairs, Dr Carolyn Turk for their attendance at the meeting.

On a Motion by Member Harding, seconded by Vice Chair Hunter on a voice vote, it was voted to adjourn the organizational meeting. (6:16 p.m.)

Attest:



Ariel Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the School Committee