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City Council & School Committee

Leadership Changes for 2008

In the City Council:

Councilor Maureen Feeney was elected President of the City Council for a second year and she, in turn, selected Councilor John Tobin to serve as Vice President, also for a second year. President Feeney announced her appointments to lead the City Council's Standing and Special Committees in 2008. Several of the City Council's key committees will have new leadership this year with a total of 10 committees undergoing leadership changes.

Altogether, there are 24 committees for the City Council's 2008 legislative session including a Special Committee on Boston Common and City Hall. The Youth Violent Crimes Prevention and Public Utilities and Cable Communications committees have been removed while a Municipal, State, and Federal Relations Committee and a Presidential Committee on Council Centennial have been added. The chairs of selected committees for 2008 are shown below.

Committee	Chair
Ways & Means	Steve Murphy
Economic Development & Planning	Bill Linehan
Education	Chuck Turner
Government Operations	Michael Ross
Housing	Rob Consalvo
Labor & Workforce Development	Michael Flaherty
Public Safety	Steve Murphy
Aviation & Transportation	Salvatore LaMattina

In the School Committee:

Elizabeth Reilinger was elected Chairperson of the School Committee for the eleventh consecutive year in January. She was first elected Chairperson in January 1998 and has served as a member since 1994. The Reverend Gregory G. Groover, Sr. was re-elected as Vice Chairman for a second straight year.

The terms of two members expired in December and the Mayor re-appointed Marchelle Raynor to a new four-year term. She has served on the Committee since 1999 and served as Vice-Chair from 2003 through 2006.

A new member of the School Committee appointed to a four year term by the Mayor is Claudio Martinez, Executive Director of the Hyde Square Task Force. The Hyde Square Task Force is a nonprofit organization founded in 1980 to enhance the skills of youth and their families by promoting civic engagement, cultural celebration, and community organization.

Mr. Martinez replaced Dr. Angel Amy Moreno, who served on the Committee from 2000 to 2007, and decided not to apply for another term.