

Two Seats Open on the Boston School Committee

Qualified Candidates Needed: Deadline November 22nd

Want to play a key role in the future of Boston Public Schools? Two Boston School Committee members' terms are set to expire in January 2023, opening the door to new interested Bostonians to serve on the governing body for the Boston Public Schools (BPS). Those who are interested in playing an essential role in the BPS by setting the education policy agenda, establishing and monitoring a \$1.3B budget, and holding the Superintendent accountable are encouraged to [apply here](#) by November 22nd. New members will serve a four-year term and all applicants must be a resident of Boston to qualify.

The School Committee has seven members and one non-voting student representative. It meets approximately twice a month to learn more about and adopt policies and grants that support student achievement. Serving on the School Committee is a significant commitment that requires time in preparing for biweekly meetings, connecting with BPS leaders, and attending late-evening meetings. However, being a member of the School Committee is a unique and fulfilling opportunity to advocate for BPS students, families, and educators.

The application consists of questions related to the applicant's interest, experience, and knowledge of what is entailed for serving on the School Committee, as well as their understanding of BPS's most pressing issues, such as ensuring access to high-quality schools to every student in the district and creating a healthy learning environment for everyone. Applicants will be vetted and publicly interviewed by the [Citizens Nominating Panel](#), a 13-member panel of various educational backgrounds—from parents to business leaders. Interviews for selected candidates will be held on the week of November 28th through a hybrid format of in-person and virtual options.

The Nominating Panel must present three to five people per vacancy to the Mayor by December 5th, and she must select her appointments from this list of names by December 22nd. During her time as mayor, Mayor Wu appointed four members to the School committee, two new members and two reappointments from the previous administration.

Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or mail/deliver to Room 603 of Boston City Hall.

Boston School Committee Members 2022

Name	Profession	First Appointed	Term Expires	First Appointed by
Jeri Robinson	Retired, Vice President of Early Childhood Initiatives at the Boston Children's Museum	November 2014	January 2023	Mayor Walsh
Michael O'Neill	VP, Zozimus Agency	July 2008	January 2025	Mayor Menino
Brandon Cardet-Hernandez	Executive Director, the Ivy Street School	January 2022	January 2026	Mayor Wu
Stephen Alkins	DEI Officer, TERC	January 2022	January 2026	Mayor Wu
Lorena Lopera*	Executive Director, Latinos for Education	July 2021	January 2024	Mayor Janey
Rafaela Polanco Garcia*	Director of Parent Engagement and Organizing, St. Stephen's Youth Programs	July 2021	January 2024	Mayor Janey
Quoc Tran	Deputy Director, MA Office of Health and Human Services	January 2019	January 2023	Mayor Walsh

** School Committee members typically serve a term of four years. However, due to legal restrictions on the Acting Mayor Kim Janey, their terms ended when the Acting Mayor's term ended. Mayor Wu reappointed them in November 2021.*

Applications also available in: [Simplified Chinese](#), [Portuguese](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Spanish](#), and [Haitian Creole](#)