



Framingham Public Schools

Robert A. Tremblay, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Adam Freudberg, Chair • Tiffanie Maskell, Vice Chair • Priscila Sousa, Clerk
Jessica Barnhill • Karen Dempsey • Geoffrey Epstein
Beverly Hugo • William LaBarge • Scott Wadland
Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE: OPEN MEETING MINUTES

DATE AND TIME: January 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Memorial Building-Blumer Room
150 Concord Street, Framingham

MEETING CALLED BY: Beverly Hugo

PRESENT: Jessica Barnhill
Karen Dempsey
Geoffrey Epstein
Adam Freudberg
Beverly Hugo
William LaBarge
Tiffanie Maskell
Priscila Sousa
Scott Wadland
Mayor Yvonne Spicer

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Robert Tremblay, Superintendent
Rose Bailey, Student Advisory Committee Member

Ms. Hugo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She said that per the charter she is named as the presiding officer to lead this reorganization meeting as the member with the longest time served in office. She noted that this meeting was being broadcast live on local cable, as well as for later playback, and on Facebook Live.

Election of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk

Ms. Hugo asked for any nominations for the position of Chair.

Motion: To elect Adam Freudberg as Chair.

Motion: Ms. Barnhill **Seconded:** Mr. LaBarge

Ms. Hugo asked for any other nominations.

Motion: To close nominations for Chair.

Moved: Ms. Maskell **Seconded:** Ms. Sousa **Vote:** Unanimous (9-0-0)

Motion Restated: To elect Adam Freudberg as Chair.

Vote: Unanimous (9-0-0)

Ms. Hugo and Mr. Freudberg switched seats and Mr. Freudberg became the presiding officer for the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Freudberg thanked the committee for their confidence in him.

Mr. Freudberg asked for any nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Motion: To elect Ms. Maskell as Vice Chair.

Moved: Ms. Hugo **Seconded:** Mr. LaBarge

Motion: To elect Mr. Wadland as Vice Chair.

Moved: Ms. Dempsey **Seconded:** Ms. Sousa

Motion: To close nominations for Vice Chair.

Moved: Ms. Hugo **Seconded:** Ms. Barnhill **Vote:** Unanimous (9-0-0)

Discussion: Mr. Wadland read a statement into the record on reasons he would like to be Vice Chair and his accomplishments and attributes that would make him a good Vice Chair. Ms. Maskell said that she does not have a statement prepared but spoke to why she also wants to be Vice Chair and her accomplishments while in office. Mr. Epstein spoke in favor of Ms. Maskell as Vice Chair, and said that since there are five women on the School Committee, leadership should include one as well for balance. Ms. Dempsey spoke in favor of Mr. Wadland as Vice Chair.

Mr. Freudberg stated that the committee has two excellent options before then and restated the question and process to call the vote. The question was called in order of those nominated.

Motion: To elect Ms. Maskell as Vice Chair

Vote: 7 (Yes: Hugo, Freudberg, Sousa, Epstein, Maskell, Barnhill, LaBarge)

Motion: To elect Mr. Wadland as Vice Chair.

Vote: 2 (Yes: Dempsey, Wadland)

Ms. Maskell elected Vice Chair by a 7-2 vote.

Mr. Freudberg asked for any nominations for the position of the Clerk.

Motion: To elect Ms. Sousa as Clerk.

Moved: Ms. Maskell **Seconded:** Ms. Hugo

Mr. Freudberg asked for any other nominations, and seeing none called the question.

Vote: Unanimous (9-0-0)

Swearing in of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk by Mayor Spicer

Mayor Spicer swore in Adam Freudberg as Chair, Tiffanie Maskell as Vice Chair, and Priscila Sousa as Clerk.

State Ethics Law and Open Meeting Compliance

Mr. Freudberg said that all members received all materials on the Open Meeting Law, and they need to sign a form recognizing that they received this and hand in to the Clerk's Office. He

said that members also need to complete the Ethics online course and hand in the certificate and acknowledgement form to the City Clerk by next week.

Mr. Freudberg said that he is re-establishing the **Temporary Subcommittee on Rules and Administration** and he submits to the subcommittee a marked up version of the last report from the last term, and the subcommittee should meet within the next few weeks and present at the second January meeting with recommendations. He said that he is appointing Mr. Wadland and Mr. Epstein to Co-Chair this subcommittee again, with Mr. Wadland being the lead convener. He recommends that the other two members of the subcommittee be new members, and for anyone interested to let him know. He said he also recommends that the Superintendent be involved in this subcommittee.

Public Comment

No members of the public comment signed up to speak.

Mr. Freudberg said that the Committee can determine **seating arrangements** tonight, and Mr. Wadland has come up with a way to fairly draw seats. Mr. Freudberg said that the Mayor, Superintendent, Leadership, and Student Representative will remain as they were last term, and members who need extra accommodations can choose first. Seats were chosen as followed: Ms. Dempsey will remain next to the Superintendent, Mr. Wadland will sit next to Ms. Dempsey, Ms. Barnhill to sit next to the Clerk, Ms. Hugo to sit next to the Student Representative, Mr. LaBarge to sit next to Ms. Hugo, and Mr. Epstein to sit in-between Ms. Barnhill and Mr. LaBarge.

Adjournment

Mr. Freudberg said that the next three meetings will be held on January 15, 2020, January 29, 2020 and February 5, 2020. He said that the decision on who will be warrant signers will happen at the next meeting, and until then the current warrant signers will remain.

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Mr. LaBarge **Seconded:** Ms. Dempsey **Vote:** Unanimous (9-0-0)
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Statement by Mr. Wadland

Oath of Office for Leadership

Certificate of Receipt of Open Meeting Law Form

Ethics Email from City Clerk

Guidance for the Rules and Administration Subcommittee

Seating Assignment Spreadsheet

These minutes were approved by the Framingham School Committee in Open Session on January 15, 2020.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on January 16, 2020.