



Temporary Subcommittee to Review Applicants for the Strategic Initiatives and Financial Oversight Committee (SIFOC)

Conference Room 1, City Hall

Monday, March 4, 2019

5:00pm

Open Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Subcommittee members present - Geoffrey Epstein, Richard Finlay, Noval Alexander, Tiffanie Maskell*.
- 1.2. City Officials - Mayor Spicer*, Council President Giombetti
- 1.3. Staff present - Superintendent Robert Tremblay
- 1.4. Public present - Beverly Hugo
- 1.5. Called to order at 5:00pm
- 1.6. The meeting was recorded

2. Finalization of Interview Questions

A draft of 6 questions was circulated and it was quickly decided to eliminate the last 2 of the 6 and focus on just 4 questions, so if the candidate used 3 minutes per question, there would be 3 final minutes in the interview for the candidate to add anything they wished.

3. Interviews of Candidates

The candidates were interviewed individually in the following order:

1. Richard Baritz
2. Jacob Binnall
3. Gerry Bloomfield
4. Joel Francis

5. Michael Gatlin
6. Amanda Shepard
7. Darline Umina
8. Richard Weader
9. David Kiklis
10. Marshall Krashin

Each was asked the 4 questions:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the SIFOC and what do you think you could contribute?[For applicants who currently hold an elected or appointed office: Why would you consider leaving your current elected/appointed post to be part of the SIFOC Committee?]

2. Have you had any experience with strategic planning? If yes, can you describe it with specifics and how it would be applicable to the planning here for the city and schools? If no, what do you think it entails and why is it important for the city and the schools?

3. If you were appointed to the SIFOC, how would you go about deciding with the other members what strategic/financial issues to work on? Include commentary on what you think are some of the problems facing Framingham.

4. In the overall planning for city and schools, finances play a very important role. How do you view the revenue side of that picture: property taxes, levy limit, .. and the spending side of that picture.

and then given time to add anything, up to the 15 minutes allocated.

*Tiffanie Maskell joined the meeting after the Joel Francis interview, following eye surgery earlier that day.

*The Mayor left the meeting after the Jacob Binall interview.

4. Discussion and Recommendations

On completion of the interviews, there was a discussion of the candidates with their pros and cons covered systematically. After that a consensus evolved which lead to the following recommendations to be made to the full School Committee at its next meeting.

Joel Francis - Finance

David Kiklis - At Large

Darlene Umina - Business Community

There was some mention of terms for each, but that was left to the School Committee to handle, as there was coordination on that needed with the Council and the Mayor.

Motion: To recommend to the School Committee that the following appointments be made to the SIFOC: Joel Francis - Finance; David Kiklis - At Large; Darlene Umina - Business Community Member.

Moved: Geoffrey Epstein

Second: Richard Finlay

Motion carried: 4-0-0; Geoffrey Epstein, Richard Finlay, Noval Alexander, Tiffanie Maskell

5. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Moved: Richard Finlay

Second: Noval Alexander

Motion carried: 4-0-0; Richard Finlay, Geoffrey Epstein, Tiffanie Maskell, Noval Alexander

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

These minutes were approved by the Framingham School Committee in Open Session on December 18, 2019.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on December 20, 2019.