

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Weber, Worrell and Louijeune



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NOMINATING PANEL AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston devotes public resources, including staff time, administrative support, and communications, to the process of appointing school committee members; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Nominating Panel for appointment of school committee, in coordination with the Mayor, conducts outreach, reviews applications, holds interviews, and prepares a list of nominees, all of which require the use of City funds and personnel; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recent vacancies highlight the need to understand how expenditures related to this process are allocated, managed, and tracked to ensure efficient use of public resources; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Questions remain about whether the current process provides sufficient transparency and measurable outcomes to justify the expenditures made in its implementation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A post-audit review of past school committee appointment processes could clarify the costs involved, evaluate whether funds have been effectively spent, and identify opportunities to strengthen accountability and oversight moving forward; **THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review and evaluate the expenditures associated with past School Committee appointment processes, including staffing, outreach, application review, and interview administration, and to examine whether adjustments are needed to ensure transparency, accountability, and the efficient use of public funds in future appointments. Representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Budget Department, the Law Department, BPS Nominating Panel, and all interested individuals shall be invited to testify.

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