

January 2012

## New Members for Boston City Council & School Committee

*City Council and School Committee reelect leaders, Mayor makes bold appointment*

On January 2, 2012, the Boston City Council unanimously reelected At-Large Councilor Stephen Murphy to a second one-year term as President. Later that day, the School Committee reelected the Rev. Gregory Groover as Chairperson. Both bodies welcomed one new member. Frank Baker was elected to the District Three City Council seat previously held by Maureen Feeney who did not run for reelection, and on December 31, the Mayor appointed Meg Campbell to a four-year term on the School Committee.

### City Council

Frank Baker is a lifelong resident of Dorchester who previously worked for the City of Boston's Printing Department from 1987 to 2010. Feeney resigned her post on November 10, 2011 and was elected City Clerk by the City Council on December 21. At its next meeting on January 11, the Council voted to change the President's position to a two-year term starting in 2014 to align the term of the President with the two-year terms of the Councilors.

Council President Murphy announced the Council's [Committees and Chairs for 2012](#). A new task of evaluating any plans for a new resort casino at the Suffolk Downs race track in East Boston has been assigned to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning. One major change in committee leadership is the appointment of Councilor Matt O'Malley to chair the Government Operations Committee which

had been led by former Councilor Feeney for 15 years. The Chair assignments for six key committees are below.

Committee	Chair
Ways and Means	Mark Ciommo
Economic Development and Planning	Bill Linehan
Education	John Connolly
Government Operations	Matt O'Malley
Housing	Robert Consalvo
Public Safety	Michael Ross

### School Committee

Also on January 2, the School Committee elected Michael O'Neill as Vice-Chairperson. New member Meg Campbell, a Dorchester resident, is the Founder and Executive Director of the Codman Charter Public School in Dorchester. Campbell is a very respected educator and administrator who will bring a professional educator's perspective to issues coming before the Committee. The Mayor should be congratulated for making this appointment.

Mayor Menino also reappointed Claudio Martinez to the School Committee for another four-year term. Martinez is the Executive Director of the Hyde Square Task Force.