

Leadership Changes for Boston City Council & School Committee

City Council re-elects President while School Committee elects a new Chair

On January 7, 2013, the first Monday of the year, the Boston City Council unanimously re-elected Councilor Stephen Murphy to a third consecutive one-year term as President. The City Council had previously approved a rules change that increased the President's term to two consecutive years starting in January 2014. That left a one-year term to fill and the members chose to continue Councilor Murphy's term as President in 2013.

City Council

The membership of the City Council remains unchanged from the previous year. Council President Murphy announced the Council's Committees and Chairs for 2013. The four new Chairs in 2013 are listed below. A new committee established in 2013 is the Global Opportunities and Innovation and Technology Committee. Click [here](#) to learn about the responsibilities of this Committee.

Committee	New Chair
Arts, Films, Humanities and Tourism	Charles Yancey
Environment and Human Rights	Michael Ross
Global Opportunities and Innovation and Technology	Tito Jackson
Post Audit and Oversight	Frank Baker

Six Councilors retain their positions as Chairs of key committees.

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

School Committee

On January 8, 2013, the School Committee unanimously elected Michael O'Neill as Chairperson to replace outgoing Rev. Gregory Groover who served as Chairperson for the past four years. Mr. O'Neill previously served as Vice Chair of the School Committee in 2012. He is Vice President of Marketing and Distribution of the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company (SBLI) of Massachusetts. He is the Board Chair of the Boston Private Industry Council's Youth Council. On December 31, Mayor Menino appointed him to a second four-year term on the School Committee.

The Committee also selected Alfreda Harris to be the new Vice Chairperson. Mrs. Harris has been a member of the School Committee since 1993 and had previously served as Vice Chairperson during five of her almost 20 years on the Board. She is a consultant at Legacy Consultants.