

January 2015

## Search for a New School Committee Member is Underway

*The resignation of Claudio Martinez, gives Mayor Walsh a fifth appointment*

The School Committee Nominating Panel is back in action again with the resignation of Claudio Martinez from the Committee on December 22. The Nominating [Panel](#) has established a schedule for soliciting nominations and conducting interviews that will enable it to submit a list of at least three and no more than five nominees to Mayor Walsh by January 27. The Mayor then has 15 days to interview candidates and make a selection. With this appointment, Mayor Walsh will have selected five members of the seven-member School Committee in slightly over a year.

Claudio Martinez was first appointed to the School Committee on January 7, 2008. Until just recently, he had served as Executive Director of the Hyde Square Task Force, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing the skills of youth and their families to help them advance in school and in careers. He served as Vice-Chairperson of the School Committee and was the only Latino member on the Committee.

### Current Search Process

The Nominating Panel has prepared a Nomination [Application](#) for Boston residents who are interesting in applying to serve on the School Committee. The application also includes a questionnaire that must be completed as part of the nomination submission. Applications and questions can be faxed to 617-635-2950, emailed to [scnominatingpanel@boston.gov](mailto:scnominatingpanel@boston.gov) or brought to City Hall, Room 612. Applications are due by **Tuesday, January 20** at 5:00 P.M. The application is to fill the remaining one year

of Claudio Martinez's term that ends on January 4, 2016. The member can apply to serve a full four-year term in October 2015 when the regular nomination process starts.

### Mayor Appoints Regina Robinson

On December 30, Mayor Walsh announced that he had appointed Regina Robinson to the School Committee to a four-year term. She fills the seat held by Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover who is stepping down after having served on the School Committee since 2007. Ms. Robinson is Dean of Student Affairs at Cambridge College. She is a parent of a BPS student, serves as a Board Member of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council and is a Member of the Superintendent Search Committee.

### Mayor Walsh's Appointments

Mayor Walsh has made four appointments to the School Committee in 2014. They are:

- January 6 **Hardin Coleman**, BU Dean of Education to a full four-year term after filling John Barros' remaining term in June 2013
- January 6 **Michael Loconto**, Associate Director of Labor & Employee Relations at Harvard University to a full four-year term previously held by Mary Tamer
- November 19 **Jeri Robinson**, VP, Early Childhood Initiatives at the Boston Children's Museum to fill the remainder of Margaret McKenna's term, and on December 30 to a full four-year term starting on January 5
- December 30 **Regina Robinson** (above)