

February 2015

Mayor Walsh Selects Miren Uriarte for School Committee

His fifth appointment retains a Latino member on the Committee

On February 19, 2015, Mayor Walsh appointed Miren Uriarte to the Boston School Committee to fill the remaining one-year term of Claudio Martinez who resigned from the Committee on December 22. With this appointment, the Mayor selected a Committee member with broad experience with English Language Learners who is fully engaged with the Latino community in Boston.

The Mayor appointed Ms. Uriarte from a list of five applicants submitted by the School Committee Nominating Panel after its review of nomination applications and interviews with nine applicants. Her term ends on January 4, 2016, but she can apply to serve a full four-year term in October 2015 when the regular nomination process starts.

Ms. Uriarte is a full tenured Professor in the College of Public and Community Service at UMass Boston. She was one of the founding members and later Director of the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy. She has conducted research and written extensively about English Language Learners with some papers focused on the elements for success in the Boston Public Schools.

Mayor Walsh's Appointments

Mayor Walsh has made five appointments to the seven-member School Committee since he has taken office in January 2014.

They are:

- January 6, 2014 **Hardin Coleman**
BU Dean of Education to a full four-year term after filling John Barros' remaining term in June 2013
- January 6, 2014 **Michael Loconto**
Associate Director of Labor & Employee Relations at Harvard University to a full four-year term previously held by Mary Tamer
- November 19, 2014 **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, 2014 **Regina Robinson**
Dean of Student Affairs at Cambridge College to fill a full four-year term formerly held by Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover who stepped down after having served on the School Committee since 2007. She is a parent of a BPS student, serves as a Board Member of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council and was a Member of the Superintendent Search Committee.
- February 19, 2015 **Miren Uriarte**
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