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AD-HOC Building Naming
Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Central Administration Building
TV Studio - 5th Floor
5:30 p.m.

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Subcommittee Members Present:

Chairperson Lay, Mr. Conway, Ms. Delrossi and Ms. Martin

School Department Personnel Present:

Dr. Hall, Assistant Superintendent

Chairperson Lay called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The following agenda items were discussed:

1. [By Dominik Lay]: Request that the new academic building at Lowell High School, located at the corner of Arcand Drive and Father Morissette Blvd, be named in honor of the late Senator Edward J. Kennedy.
2. Naming the Student Support Center at Lowell High School after William J. Samaras.

Chairperson Lay opened the meeting by stating that the focus of the evening's discussion would be on naming the new academic building at Lowell High School in honor of the late Senator Edward J. Kennedy and the Student Support Center at Lowell High School in honor of William J. Samaras. He then opened the floor to those in attendance who wished to speak in support of the proposed names.

Ms. Dailey addressed the subcommittee and read Senator Kennedy's biography, along with the rationale for the nomination. She highlighted his many accomplishments and spoke about his longstanding connection to and affection for the City of Lowell.

Vice Mayor Nuon also addressed the subcommittee and expressed his full support for naming the new academic building at Lowell High School after the late Senator Edward J. Kennedy, stating that he believed it would be a fitting and meaningful honor. He also spoke in support of naming the Student Support Center after William J. Samaras, noting Mr. Samaras' significant contributions and support to Lowell High School and support for the community.

Ms. Martin moved to approve naming the new academic building at Lowell High School after the later Senator Edward J. Kennedy; the motion was seconded by Mr. Conway. The motion passed with 4 yeas.

Chairperson Lay then addressed the proposal to name the Student Support Center at Lowell High School in honor of William J. Samaras, a former Head of School, City Councilor, and Mayor.

City Councilor Rourke addressed the subcommittee and expressed his strong support for naming the Student Support Center after William J. Samaras. Drawing on his own experience as a former Lowell High School student, Councilor Rourke spoke about Mr. Samaras' tenure as Head of School and the positive impact he had on students and the school community. He highlighted Mr. Samaras' many accomplishments and contributions to the City of Lowell and enthusiastically urged the subcommittee to support the proposed naming.

Ms. Martin moved to approve naming the Student Support Center at Lowell High School after the William J. Samaras; the motion was seconded by Mr. Conway. The motion passed with 3 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Delrossi).

Mr. Conway moved to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Ms. Martin. 3 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Delrossi).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Hall, Assistant Superintendent for
HR & Operations for Liam Skinner,
Superintendent

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