



Springfield Public Schools
Office of the School Committee
1550 Main Street, 2 FLR
Springfield, MA 01103-1410

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2026

LOCATION

City Hall, 36 Court Street, Room 220, Springfield, MA

I. CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MEETING – ROLL CALL

Chairman, Mayor Sarno called the Special Meeting to order at 5:46 PM.

Roll Call Attendance:

Ms. Valentin - Present
Ms. Crawford - Present
Ms. Hurst - Absent
Mr. Gomez, Jr. - Present
Ms. Gresham - Present
Ms. Monroe-Naylor (Vice Chair) - Present
Mayor Sarno (Chair) - Present

A. Invocation

A moment of silence was held.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Sarno.

II. Enter into executive session pursuant to Mass. G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Springfield Education Association Demand to Bargain Regarding Transition of employees working in SEZP Schools to Schools Under Local District Control/Innovation Schools.

On a motion made by Ms. Monroe-Naylor and seconded by Ms. Gresham, a roll-call vote was taken. It was noted that the School Committee will not reconvene into open session concluding the Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Valentin - Yes
Ms. Crawford - Yes



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Motion passes to enter into executive session pursuant to Mass. G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Springfield Education Association Demand to Bargain Regarding Transition of employees working in SEZP Schools to Schools Under Local District Control/Innovation Schools.

The School Committee moved into the mayor's chambers at 5:47 PM to commence the Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Triny Vargas
Executive Assistant to the School Committee