



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, May 7, 2026

LOCATION

Putnam Vocational Technical Academy, 1300 State Street, Conference Room, Springfield, MA

I. CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MEETING – ROLL CALL

Chairman, Mayor Sarno called the Special Meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Roll Call Attendance:

Ms. Valentin - Present
Ms. Crawford - Present
Ms. Hurst – Present
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. VOTING ITEMS:

- A. Vote to approve the FY27 Budget. The Chair made the decision not to move forward with the vote of this item due to its redundancy on the agenda.
- B. Vote to approve the adoption of a general fund operating budget of \$708,789,645 for the Springfield Public Schools and appropriated by Chief.

On a motion made by Ms. Monroe Naylor and seconded by Ms. Valentin, a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Valentin – Yes
Ms. Crawford – Yes



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Ms. Hurst – Yes
Mr. Gomez, Jr. - Yes
Ms. Gresham – Yes
Ms. Monroe Naylor (Vice Chair) - Yes
Mayor Sarno (Chair) - Yes

Motion passes to approve the adoption of a general fund operating budget of \$708,789,645 for the Springfield Public Schools and appropriated by Chief.

C. Vote to approve the amended policy Regarding the Naming of Schools and School Facilities.

On a motion made by Ms. Monroe Naylor and seconded by Ms. Gresham, a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes to approve the amended policy Regarding the Naming of Schools and School Facilities.

D. Vote to approve the lease for Discovery High School.

The Chair, Mayor Sarno and the Vice Chair, Ms. Monroe Naylor both serve on the SEZP Board, so they had to recuse themselves from voting on the item.

On a motion made by Ms. Hurst and seconded by Ms. Gresham, a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Valentin – Yes
Ms. Crawford – Yes
Ms. Hurst – Yes
Mr. Gomez, Jr. - Yes
Ms. Gresham – Yes
Ms. Monroe Naylor (Vice Chair) - Recused
Mayor Sarno (Chair) - Recused

Motion passes to approve the lease for Discovery High School.

E. Vote to approve the amended Family Engagement Policy per DESE's current requirements



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and district current practices.

On a motion made by Ms. Monroe Naylor and seconded by Ms. Gresham, a roll-call vote was taken to amend the date of the policy to May 7, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes to amend the date of the policy to May 7, 2026.

On a motion made by Ms. Gresham and seconded by Ms. Valentin, a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes to approve the amended Family Engagement Policy per DESE's current requirements and district current practices.

F. Vote to approve the site for the new Gerena School.

On a motion made by Ms. Monroe Naylor and seconded by Ms. Gresham, a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes to approve the site for the new Gerena School.



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- G. Vote to approve the submission by Springfield Public Schools the Gerena Boundary Proposal to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and hereby affirm that Springfield Public Schools will initiate and implement school boundary adjustments to expand the boundary of the German Gerena Community School.

On a motion made by Ms. Monroe Naylor and seconded by Ms. Crawford, a roll-call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes to approve the submission by Springfield Public Schools the Gerena Boundary Proposal to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and hereby affirm that Springfield Public Schools will initiate and implement school boundary adjustments to expand the boundary of the German Gerena Community School.

On a motion made by Ms. Crawford and seconded by Ms. Monroe Naylor, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote to Adjourn:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Triny Vargas



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