

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

The School Committee held an in-person meeting with a virtual option:

on: **Thursday, May 28, 2026**
At: 6:00 p.m.
Durkin Administration Building, Room 410

MINUTES

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call: There were present at the call to roll: Member Alvarez, Member Binienda, Member Guardiola, Member Johnson, Member Mailman, Vice Chair McCullough, and Member Roy.

Member Biancheria arrived at 6:10 p.m. and Mayor Petty arrived at 6:19 p.m.

D. General Business

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To review and conduct a Public Hearing on the FY27 Worcester Public Schools Budget per MGL Ch. 71, sec 38N.

Public Comments:

1. Maria Juncos, of the Latino Education Institute, Worcester spoke
2. Jennifer Safford, of Worcester, spoke about the Director of Equity, Cultivation, and Recruitment position.
3. Shawna Sylvia, of Worcester, spoke about human capital concerns.
4. Catherine Holmes, of Worcester, spoke about educational technology concerns.
5. Vianna Jattan-Singh, of Worcester, spoke about screen time and its effects on children.
6. Tracy Novick, of Worcester, spoke regarding program closures.
7. Heather Stanek, of Worcester, spoke about seeing the budget as a moral document.
8. Louis Stodden, of Worcester, spoke about the overall utilization of budget funds.
9. Etel Haxhijaj, of Worcester, spoke about the Director of Equity, Cultivation, and Recruitment position.
10. Noelia Chafoya, of Worcester, spoke about dual language program funding.
11. Evelyn Cabrera, of the YWCA, Worcester, spoke about Director of

Equity, Cultivation, and Recruitment position.

E. Announcements

Meeting Dates:

School Committee Meetings:

- June 4, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Budget Session, 6:00 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session, Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall, 455 Main Street.
- June 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Standing Committee on Operations, and Governance, Room 410, Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving Street.

F. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote of 9-0, the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m

Respectfully submitted,



Kristi Turgeon,
Clerk of the School Committee