

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

The School Committee held an in-person meeting:

on: **Friday, January 2, 2026**
at: 12:45 p.m.
in: Doherty Memorial High School, Media Center
299 Highland Street, Worcester, MA 01602

MINUTES

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call: There were present at the call to roll: Member Alvarez, Member Biancheria (virtual; arrived in person at 1:17 p.m.), Member Binienda, Member Guardiola, Member Johnson, Member Mailman, Member McCullough, Member Roy, and Mayor Petty.

C. General Business

gb 6-1 Clerk

(January 2, 2026)

To take an informal vote of the School Committee-Elect to determine the Vice-Chairperson for 2026-2027.

Member Biancheria nominated Member McCullough to be the next Vice Chair. Member Guardiola seconded the motion.

Member Alvarez nominated Member Mailman to be the next Vice Chair. Member Mailman seconded the motion.

An informal vote was taken by roll call: Member Alvarez and Member Mailman voted for Member Mailman. Member Biancheria, Member Binienda, Member Guardiola, Member Johnson, Member McCullough, Member Roy, and Mayor Petty voted for Member McCullough. By a margin of 7-2, Member McCullough won the straw poll to become the next Vice Chair.

Mayor Petty paused the meeting at 1:07 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:17 p.m.

gb 6-2 Clerk

(January 2, 2026)

To select the seating order of the 2026-2027 Worcester School Committee.



Members, in random order, selected numbers from a bag to select their seats for the 2026-2027 term. The [results](#) are as follows:

Seat 1: Member Alvarez
Seat 2: Member Biancheria
Seat 3: Member Mailman
Seat 4: Member Roy
Seat 5: Vice Chair McCullough
Seat 6: Member Guardiola
Seat 7: Maureen Binienda
Seat 8: Member Johnson

D. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristi Turgeon, Clerk of the School Committee