



**MEETING OF THE
NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PRELIMINARY SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
COMMITTEE**



Tuesday, March 3, 2026 ~ 4:30 pm - 6:47 pm
By Videoconference

Minutes

Approved: March 10, 2026

Documents Reviewed

February 24, 2026 Minutes

Semi-Finalist Interview Questions 2023

- I. Announcement that Meeting is Being Videorecorded
- II. Roll Call - Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. This meeting was held by videoconference and the roll and all votes taken were done so virtually.

Scarlet Bowman	Absent
Kate Fontaine	(5:01 pm)
David Gorin	Present
Lucy Hartry	Present
Kate Kelly	Present
Kendal Mangum	Present (5:10 pm)
Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Present
Rachel Nicholas	Absent
Ryan Parent	Present
Johanna Radding	Present
Robbie Saner Sullivan	Present

Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra	Member Tiffany Jewell	Member Robbie Saner Sullivan	Member Alenda Bartoli
Member Anat Weisenfreund	Member Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Member Michael Stein	Member Amy Martyn
	Member Cindy Mahoney	Member Valerie Reiss	

Ben Taglieri	Present (5:10 pm)
Colleen Taylor	Present
Angela Wak	(4:36 pm)
Kate Zak	Present
QUORUM	Present

III. Review of February 24 Minutes - Lucy Hartry made a motion, seconded by Robbie Saner Sullivan, to approve the February 24, 2026 minutes. The roll call vote follows.

Scarlet Bowman	Absent
Kate Fontaine	Absent
David Gorin	Yea
Lucy Hartry	Yea
Kate Kelly	Yea
Kendal Mangum	Absent
Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Yea
Rachel Nicholas	Absent
Ryan Parent	Yea
Johanna Radding	Yea
Robbie Saner Sullivan	Yea
Ben Taglieri	Absent
Colleen Taylor	Yea
Angela Wak	Yea
Kate Zak	Yea
VOTE	Yea 10 Absent 5

IV. Interview Questions - The Committee reviewed the list of semi-finalist questions created by MASC in 2023. It decided to modify all questions on the list with the exception of,

“Suppose that you encounter a pervasive belief that diversity and excellence are somehow in conflict. How do you conceptualize the relationship between diversity and excellence? What kinds of leadership efforts would you undertake to encourage a commitment to excellence through diversity?” and “Tell us about your experience working with children and families who don’t look like you or speak the language you do or who do not have the economic advantages you do. How have these experiences shaped your view of public education and its mission?” which it chose to delete.

- V. Executive Session: Robbie Saner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Lucy Hartry, to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (a)(8), to consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee if the chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants. Renika Montgomery-Tomokloe stated that the Committee will adjourn from Executive Session. The roll call vote follows.

Scarlet Bowman	Absent
Kate Fontaine	Yea
David Gorin	Yea
Lucy Hartry	Yea
Kate Kelly	Yea
Kendal Mangum	Yea
Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Yea
Rachel Nicholas	Absent
Ryan Parent	Yea
Johanna Radding	Yea
Robbie Saner Sullivan	Yea
Ben Taglieri	Yea
Colleen Taylor	Yea
Angela Wak	Yea
Kate Zak	Yea
VOTE	Yea 12 Absent 3

The public portion of the meeting concluded at 5:58 pm.