



## **Special Joint Meeting of the Randolph Town Council and Randolph School Committee**

### **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Monday, December 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

**This is a hybrid meeting. The Public is invited to attend this meeting in person or remotely, by telephone or computer access.**

**Call to Order:** Council President Brewer called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call – Council Members Present:** Christos Alexopoulos (Via Zoom), Richard Brewer (In-Person), James Burgess (Via Zoom), Natacha Clerger (Via Zoom), Jesse Gordon (In-Person), Katrina Huff-Larmond (In-Person), Brandon Thompson (Via Zoom).

**Roll Call - School Committee Members Present:** Jamie Ackles (In-Person), Beverly Coles-Roby (In-Person), Ida Gordon (In-Person), Lisa Milwood (In-Person), Andrea Nixon (In-Person)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

**Announcements from the Town Council President:** I'd like to request a motion to accept the three nominations submitted by the School Committee. Then I'd like to allow each candidate an opportunity to speak and address both the School Committee and Town Council.

Motion to accept the three nominations submitted by the School Committee made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Councillor Huff-Larmond.

Roll Call Vote: 5-1-0 (Nays: Burgess; Absent during vote: Clerger, O'Connell; Absent: Egan)

Motion passes.

Councillor Brandon Thompson entered the meeting in person at 7:06 PM. Councillor O'Connell entered the meeting, by Zoom, at 7:09 PM.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Review of Candidates and Appointment of new School Committee Member to Vacant Seat.**

Kirby Christian, Cassie Ramos, and Candice Watch each had an opportunity to address the Town Council and School Committee.

There were no questions from the Council for Kirby Christian.

Councillor Thompson asked Cassie Ramos which boards she has been a part of. Ms. Ramos answered: I currently sit on the Board of Trustees of Newton Country Day School, a private school in Newton, MA. I also sit on the Board of an organization called NARA (the New England Relocation Association). I have previously sat on the Board of Trustees for Casa Myrna which is a domestic violence organization.

Councillor Clerger asked Candice Watch if she had any children in the Randolph School System. Ms. Watch answered no. Ms. Ramos answered no. Ms. Kirby answered yes.

Councillor Gordon- What is your take on collaborating on the arts and steam projects within the schools? Ms. Watch answered: When working with the Boston School Department, I learned about many partnerships with the arts through Berkley School of Music and the Museum of Fine Arts and focused on building partnerships to further bring in learning and additional services.

School Committee Chair Lisa Milwood: Thank you to three candidates and thank you to all who applied. We are rooting for you. Even if you don't get the spot tonight, there's an upcoming election we encourage you to participate in.

	<b>Kirby Christian</b>	<b>Cassie Ramos</b>	<b>Candice Watch</b>
<b>Christos Alexopoulos</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Richard Brewer</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>James Burgess</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Natacha Clerger</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ryan Egan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Jesse Gordon</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Katrina Huff-Larmond</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Kevin O'Connell</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Brandon Thompson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Jamie Ackles</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Beverly Coles-Roby</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Ida Gordon</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Lisa Milwood</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Andrea Nixon</b>	<b>X</b>		

Kirby Christian will serve on the School Committee. She was sworn in by Town Clerk Cheryl Sass.

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Councillor Clerger, seconded by Councillor Gordon.

Roll Call Vote of the Town Council Council: 8-0-0 (Absent during vote: Egan)

Roll Call Vote of the School Committee: 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.