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Chelsea, Massachusetts February 7, 2022

A Special meeting of the Chelsea City Council and School Committee was conducted. The following were in attendance: Councilors Recuperero, T. Garcia, Robinson, Taylor, Lopez, Vega Maldonado, Avellaneda, Brown, Vidot, De Jesus, and J. Garcia, School Committee members: O'Regan, Hernandez, Zobot, Garcia, Velez, and Rivera. School Committee member Alfaro was absent. Council President Avellaneda Presided over the meeting assisted by School Board Chairlady Garcia. The joint meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

The following communication was received from City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Honorable Chelsea City Council
City Hall, 500 Broadway
Chelsea, Ma 02150

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Please be advised that Roy Avellaneda, President of the Chelsea City Council, has called for a Joint Special Meeting of the Chelsea City Council and Chelsea School Committee for Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA to address the following topics:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Calling the Roll of Members
3. Interview of candidates
4. Nominations to fill vacancies in District 4 and District 5 School Committee seats.
5. Voting to fill vacancies in District 4 and District 5 School Committee seats.

Sincerely,
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk

The first vacancy with regards to District four was brought forward for the Councilors too question. The District four candidate was Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo. The City Councilors as well as School Committee members asked a series of questions which lasted about 45 minutes.

A motion from Councilor Vidot to close debate was approved. Nomination were then opened by Councilor President Avellaneda. Councilor Vidot nominated Ms. Covas Caraballo. Seconded by Councilor J. Garcia. The roll call was taken and Ms. Caraballo was nominated to fill the vacancy of District Four School Committee on a 17-0-1-0 vote. Voting for Ms. Covas Caraballo were Councilors Recuperero, T. Garcia, Robinson, Taylor, Lopez, Vega-Maldonado, Avellaneda, Brown, Vidot, De Jesus, and J. Garcia. School Committee members who voted for Ms. Caraballo were Committee members O' Regan, Hernandez, Zobot, Garcia, Velez, and Rivera. Absent was School Committee member Alfaro.

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The vacancy for District 5 candidates were brought forward to answer questions. Candidate Cabral and then candidate Henriquez. The questions lasted approximately 45 minutes.

Nominations were then opened by President Avellaneda. School Committee member Velez nominated Ms. Henriquez. Seconded by Councilor Taylor. Councilor Brown nominated Ms. Cabral. Seconded by Councilor Avellaneda. Upon roll call Ms. Cabral was elected to fill the vacancy of District 5 on a 8 to 5 vote. Voting for Ms. Cabral were Councilors Garcia, Vega-Maldonado, Avellaneda, Brown, Vidot, and De Jesus. Voting for Ms. Cabral from the School Committee were Committee member Zabot, and Rivera. Voting for Ms. Henriquez were Councilors Robinson, and Taylor. Voting for Ms. Henriquez from the School Committee were Committee members O'Regan, Hernandez, and Velez. Absent were Councilors Recupero, and Lopez. School Committee member Alfaro. J Garcia recused herself, and School Committee member Kelly Garcia voted present.

The newly appointed School Committee members were told that they would have to proceed at their convenience to the City Clerk's office to be officially sworn in.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council

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