

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2014 JOINT CONVENTION OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 36 of the City Charter, a Joint Convention of the City Council and the School Committee was held on May 7, 2014 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with Councilors Asack, Barnes, Cruise, DeNapoli, DuBois, Eaniri, Monahan, Rodrigues, Stewart, Studenski and Sullivan and School Committee Members Alisha J. Clark, Raymond Henningson, Jr., Patricia A. Joyce, Thomas J. Minichiello, Jr., Andrew P. Robinson and Judy Sullivan present.

Mayor Carpenter asked for a moment of silence in honor of deceased School Committee Member Michael Healy.

Councilor Cruise made a motion to appoint Mark Gildea, as Clerk of the Joint Convention and the motion was seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Mayor Carpenter asked the Clerk to reference the section of the law relative to the Joint Convention.

The Clerk referenced Section 36 of the City Charter which provides that if a vacancy occurs in the School Committee, the City Council and the remaining members of the School Committee shall meet in Joint Convention and elect a suitable person to fill the vacancy. The Mayor shall preside at the convention.

The Mayor noted that the Charter does not specify the exact process to follow in filling a vacancy but that he had consulted with the City Solicitor and the Legislative Counsel and proposed a process for ratification to elect an individual from the seven candidates. An initial vote would take place for the purpose of identifying the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. In the event of a tie for second place, three candidates would advance. The Joint Convention would then vote a second time with those two (or three) identified candidates being considered. All votes will be taken by a roll call vote. Council President Sullivan made a motion to adopt the process and the motion was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

School Committee Chair Minichiello inquired of the Chair as to the qualifications necessary to be a candidate. The Clerk stated that the issue had been reviewed with the City Solicitor and referenced Section 31 of the City Charter that provides members of the School Committee are elected "by and from the voters of each ward" of the City. In order to be eligible to serve the citizens of Ward 6 as a member of the School Committee, the candidate needed to be a resident of and a voter in Ward 6.

The Mayor stated that based upon the evaluation, there was one individual that expressed an interest in the position, but was not a registered voter in Ward 6. Therefore, that person is not on the list of candidates for the position. The final list of qualified candidates was:

Joyce Asack  
James Daley  
Stephen Foote  
Jason Glaneuski  
Miles Jackson  
Ossie Jordan  
Jacob Tagger

The Mayor asked for a motion to nominate these individuals collectively.

Council President Sullivan moved to nominate the above listed candidates. Councilor Asack stepped down. School Committee Chair Minichiello seconded the motion and the motion carried by a hand vote.

School Committee Member Joyce inquired if members of the Joint Convention were allowed to vote for more than one candidate. The Mayor stated one ballot per member of the Joint Convention.

Councilor DuBois requested a moment of personal privilege which was granted. Councilor DuBois stated that she served with Mr. Healy representing the residents of Ward 6. He was fair and dedicated and she hoped the person who fills this position has the same qualities. She stated that she was supporting Mr. Daley.

Councilor Barnes, as a point of clarification, asked if the person they voted for in the first vote is eliminated, can they vote in the second vote. Also, do they have to vote or can they abstain? The Mayor stated that the second ballot is a completely separate vote. He stated that all members must vote.

The Mayor stated that they wanted all candidates to present themselves and for all members of the convention to ask each candidate one question if they have one. All candidates had two minutes to address the convention. Any member of the convention can ask one question of the candidates. The candidate has one minute to answer each question. The candidates will be heard alphabetically. These rules and stipulations would be an amendment to the original motion.

Council President Sullivan moved to accept the amendment and the motion was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The Mayor stated that some of the candidates that were interested in the position were not present.

Joyce Asack had sent a letter to the Council President and to the School Committee stating that due to an illness, she could not attend the convention, but that she is interested in the position.

The Mayor stated that Jason Glaneuski was not present. Council President Sullivan stated that Mr. Glaneuski emailed him and told him something had come up and he couldn't attend, but he is still interested in the position.

Each of the following candidates addressed the Joint Convention:

James Daley  
Stephen Foote  
Ossie Jordan  
Jacob Tagger

Certain Members of the Joint Convention availed themselves of the the opportunity to ask one question of the candidates and the candidates responded to such questions.

Following the questions and answers, the Mayor called for a vote. Seventeen members of the Joint Convention voted by a roll call vote.

The following member voted for Joyce Asack:

Councilor Barnes

The following three members voted for James Daley:

Councilor DeNapoli  
Councilor DuBois  
School Committee Member Judy Sullivan

There were no votes for Stephen Foote, Jason Glaneuski, or Miles Jackson.

The following nine members voted for Ossie Jordan:

Mayor Carpenter,  
School Committee Member Clark  
Councilor Cruise  
School Committee Member Joyce  
School Committee Chair Minichiello

Councilor Monahan  
School Committee Member Robinson  
Councilor Stewart  
Councilor Studenski

The following four members voted for Jacob Tagger:

Councilor Eaniri  
School Committee Henningson  
Councilor Rodrigues  
Councilor Sullivan

The Clerk declared that the two top candidates were Mr. Ossie Jordan with nine votes and Mr. Jacob Tagger with four votes. Those two candidates moved on to the second ballot.

Councilor Asack stepped back in.

The Mayor called for a vote. Eighteen members of the Joint Convention voted by a roll call vote.

Thirteen members voted for Ossie Jordan as follows:

Councilor Barnes  
Mayor Carpenter  
School Committee Member Clark  
Councilor Cruise  
Councilor DeNapoli  
Councilor DuBois  
School Committee Member Joyce  
School Committee Chair Minichiello  
Councilor Monahan  
School Committee Member Robinson  
Councilor Stewart  
Councilor Studenski  
School Committee Member Sullivan

Five members voted for Jacob Tagger as follows:

Councilor Asack  
Councilor Eaniri  
School Committee Member Raymond Henningson  
Councilor Rodrigues  
Councilor Sullivan

Ossie Jordan was declared the winner.

Council President Sullivan thanked the Mayor for running the meeting. He also thanked Vice Chairman Thomas J. Minichiello, Jr., City Solicitor, Attorney Nessralla, and Attorney Mark Gildea, as acting clerk. He also thanked Kathy Smith Superintendent of Schools. He also recognized former City Councilor Todd Petti. He recognized Southeastern Regional representatives of Brockton, Wayne Mac Allister and Mark Linde. The Mayor recognized the School Committee Chairman, Tom Minichiello.

School Committee Chair Minichiello thanked all the candidates. He complimented Council President Robert Sullivan, whom he worked well with, the Mayor, Phillip Nessralla and Attorney Gildea. He also thanked Wanda Alves, from the School Department, who gathered all the information from the candidates.

Council President acknowledged Richard Bath, former Ward 2 School Committee member.

Councilor Cruise acknowledged a future student, his grand niece, that had been born an hour earlier, Elizabeth Cruise Geddes.

The Mayor made a personal statement regarding the meeting. He considers all of the candidates friends and thinks anyone that had been voted in would have been a good candidate. He thanked all of the candidates for their willingness to serve. He congratulated the new School Committee Member, Ossie Jordan.

The next quarterly Joint School Committee Meeting will be held June 19, 2014 at 6:30pm at the East Middle School.

Councilor Barnes invited everyone to the Massasoit Community College's production of the Wizard of Oz. It will be performed Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm

A motion was made to adjourn and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote and the Joint Convention was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Clerk