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MAY 1, 2023
JOINT CONVENTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL & SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A Joint Convention of the City Council and School Committee was held in person in the City Council Chambers on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of electing a School Committee member to fill a vacancy in the School Committee caused by the resignation of James Fleming and other matters pertaining to this election. Notice of this meeting was posted on April 24, 2023, at 1:40 P.M.

All Councillors and School Committee Members were present.

Also in attendance were the seven (7) candidates.

Attending Remotely: Councillor Watson-Felt

Council President Stott presiding.

Councillor Dominguez moved that the nominations be opened to fill the vacancy in the School Committee with a term to expire on the first Monday in January 2024.

Motion seconded by Councillor Prosniewski.

The Motion was adopted by 16 Yeas 0 Nays and 0 Absent.

School Committee Member Manny Cruz asked for a point of personal privilege and read the School Committee Statement (statement on file in the City Clerk's Office).

School Committee Member Manny Cruz declared the following (7) candidates be nominated: (candidates listed in order received)

#1 Candidate Erin Truex

#2 Candidate Alicia DePena

#3 Candidate Jeremy Mele

#4 Candidate Veronica Miranda

#5 Candidate Gary Torres Holguin

#6 Candidate Henry Mehmet Gulergun

#7 Candidate Joyce Harrington

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Councillor Hapworth moved that each candidate be given 3 minutes to speak.

Motion seconded by Councillor Merkl.

The Motion was adopted by 16 Yeas 0 Nays and 0 Absent.

Councillor McClain moved that the nominations be closed and proceed with the election by Roll Call Vote.

Motion seconded by School Committee Amanda Campbell.

The Motion was adopted by 16 Yeas 0 Nays and 0 Absent.

Council President Stott calls each candidate to the podium to speak (in order nominated).

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Each candidate spoke about their qualifications, background, why they wanted to serve, and their goal and focus for the students.

Councillor Cohen moved to elect by Roll Call Vote by stating name of choice of candidate.

Motion Seconded by School Committee Member Beth Anne Cornell.

The Motion was adopted by 16 Yeas 0 Nays and 0 Absent.

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of Votes for Erin Truex: 2

of Votes for Alicia DePena: 2

of Votes for Jeremy Mele: _____

of Votes for Veronica Miranda: 12

of Votes for Gary Torres Holguin: _____

of Votes for Henry Mehmet Gulergun: _____

of Votes for Joyce Harrington: _____

President Stott declared Veronica Miranda as the elected member of the School Committee.

Councillor Morsillo moved immediate reconsideration in the hopes it would not prevail. The motion failed by a roll call vote of 0 yeas, 16 nays, and 0 absent.

The newly elected member of School the Committee, Veronica Miranda, was sworn in by Mayor McCarthy.

Councillor Varela requested and received suspension of the rules to allow Veronica Miranda to speak.

Veronica Miranda thanked the School Committee and Councillors for electing her.

Councillor Dominguez moved that meeting be adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

The motion was carried by a roll call vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK