

Chelsea, Massachusetts June 27, 2011

A joint meeting of the Chelsea City Council and Chelsea School Committee was held. The meeting was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway Chelsea, Massachusetts in the City Council Chambers. The following were in attendance: Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, and Brown. Councillor Barton arrived at 7:10 p.m. Councilors MeKonnen and Bishop were absent. Representing the School Department were School Committee members Morrie Seigal, Rosemarie Carlisle, Lucia H. Colon, Lisa Lineweaver, Ana Hernandez, Ramona Foster, and Edward C. Ells. Council President Vega-Torres presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

The following communication was read from City Clerk Deborah A. Clayman. A motion from Councillor Washington 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 Marilyn Vega-Torres, President of the Chelsea City Council, has called a joint meeting of the Chelsea City Council and Chelsea School Committee for Monday, June 27, 2011, at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for the following purpose:

- 1) Salute to the Flag
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) To fill the vacancy of the District 2 School Committee Position

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,  
Deborah A. Clayman  
City Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting Council President Vega-Torres explained the process to the candidates. School Committee member Edward Ells welcomed everyone, and explained the roll of the School Committee to those present. The candidates were Jeanette Velez of 1 Franklin Avenue and Joanne Novak of 123 Orange Street. Each candidate was given 4 minutes to explain why they were interested in the position. Everyone was given the opportunity to ask questions. Edward Ells presented the questions on behalf of the members of the School Committee. The most pertinent question was whether or not if selected would they seek office in September. Both candidates responded that they would seek the office in September. The City Council followed up with their questions to the candidates. Closing remarks were then given

by the candidates. Roll Call was then taken and Jeanette Velez of 1 Franklin Avenue was named the new School Committee Member representing District 2. The votes were 14 for Jeannette Velez, and 2 for Joanne Novak. 3 Absent. Voting for Velez were: Councilors, Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, and Brown. Councilors MeKonnen and Bishop were absent. School Committee Members voting for Velez were; Lucia Colon, Lisa Lineweaver, Ana Hernandez, Ramona Foster, and Edward Ells. Voting for Novak were Committee members Morrie Seigal and Rosemarie Carlisle. Melinda Alvarado-Vega was absent.

Deborah Clayman administered the oath of office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino  
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council