

Offered by City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING
THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE BOSTON
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS: In 1991 the City of Boston transitioned from a 13-member elected School Committee to a seven member Mayorally appointed School Committee. This transition was the result of a 1989 referendum of the citizens of Boston and home rule petition. In a 1996 referendum the citizens of Boston voted to maintain the appointed School Committee.

WHEREAS: The seven members of the current appointed School Committee serve four year staggered terms; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor appoints members from a list of candidates recommended by a 13-member Citizens Nominating Panel composed of parents, teachers, principals, and representatives of higher education; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee is responsible for defining the mission and goals of Boston Public Schools, for establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget, for hiring and managing the Superintendent, and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement, **THEREFORE BE IT,**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the pros and cons of an appointed, elected, or hybrid school committee; and that representatives from the Boston Public Schools administration, parents, families, students, and other interested parties be invited to testify.

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