

**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
of the Salem School Committee  
Monday, January 5, 2026  
East India Square, 161 Essex Street, Salem**

**Members Present:** Mayor Pangallo, Yamily Byas, Beth Anne Cornell, AJ Hoffman, Veronica Miranda and Megan Stott

**Others in Attendance:** Superintendent Stephen Zrike

**Members Absent:** Mary Manning

The School Committee was called to the stage at 10:29 am to begin the meeting.

**Organization of the School Committee for the years 2026-2027**

Mayor Pangallo officiated the swearing in of School Committee members Byas, Cornell and Stott.

Member Miranda nominated Member Cornell for the Vice Chair position. Member Hoffman seconded. Member Byas moved to close nominations. A roll call vote was taken.

Member Byas voted YES

Member Cornell voted PRESENT

Member Hoffman voted YES

Member Manning ABSENT

Member Miranda voted YES

Member Stott voted YES

Mayor Pangallo voted YES

Motion passed with 5 votes in favor, 1 present and 1 absent.

Member Stott made a motion to make the vote unanimous. Member Miranda seconded.

Member Cornell was elected Vice Chair.

Member Cornell nominated Shirley Dorai for the Executive Secretary of the School Committee position. Member Miranda seconded. Member Stott moved to close nominations. A roll call vote was taken.

Member Byas voted YES

Member Cornell voted YES

Member Hoffman voted YES

Member Manning ABSENT

Member Miranda voted YES

Member Stott voted YES

Mayor Pangallo voted YES

Motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 1 absent.

**Adjournment**

Member Hoffman made a motion to adjourn at 10:34 am and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

***Shirley Dorai***

Executive Assistant to the School Committee & Superintendent