

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

For the purpose of organizing, the School Committee, (shall hold an organizational meeting the first Thursday, following the annual election, after being sworn in) at its first regular meeting following the District's annual elections, will elect from its membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson all of whom will hold their respective offices for a term of one year or until a successor is elected.

A majority of the members of the School Committee will constitute a quorum. The election will proceed as follows:

1. Nominations for the office of chairperson will be made from the floor. The chairperson will be elected by a majority roll-call vote of the members present and voting. If no nominee receives a majority vote, the election will be declared null and void and nominations will be reopened.
2. Upon election, the new chairperson will preside, calling for the election of a vice-chairperson. The procedure used for their election will be the same as that for electing the chairperson.

Any vacancy among the officers occurring between organizational meetings will be filled by a member elected by the School Committee. The election will be conducted as described above.

Following election of officers at its organizational meeting, the School Committee may proceed into such regular or special business as scheduled on the agenda.

SOURCE: MASC

NOTE: Include under this code the date of the organizational meeting and important details concerning election of officers: who presides during election of chairperson; how nominations are made; means of voting; specifics on the vote required for election. Here also is a place for statements on resignations and removal of School Committee officers from office and filling vacancies in office mid-term. (The latter applies to offices, not Committee membership.) In some cities the mayor serves as Chairperson of the School Committee; this should be included here. References to any applicable sections in a town or city charter should be added. Regional school districts should cite M.G.L. 71:16A; a School Committee participating in a superintendency union should cite M.G.L. 71:63 and correct the content of this policy in accordance with requirements of that section of the law.