

January 29, 2026

**RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS  
TO LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCILS TO FILL VACANCIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-2.1, authorizes the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ('Board') to appoint the teacher, non-teacher staff, and student members of local school councils (LSC) of regular attendance centers to fill mid-term vacancies after considering the preferences of the schools' staffs or the binding elections of students, as appropriate, for candidates for appointment as ascertained;

**WHEREAS**, the Governance of Alternative and Small Schools Policy, Board Report 20-0325-PO1 ("Governance Policy"), authorizes the Board to appoint all members of the appointed local school councils (ALSC) and Boards of Governors ("BOG") of alternative schools (including military academy high schools) to fill mid-term vacancies after considering candidates for appointment selected by the following methods through non-binding advisory staff and student polls and the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations of those or other candidates:

<b><u>Membership Category</u></b>	<b><u>Method of Candidate Selection</u></b>
Parent	Recommendation by serving ALSC/BOG
Community	Recommendation by serving ALSC/BOG
Advocate	Recommendation by serving ALSC/BOG
Teacher	Non-binding Advisory Staff Poll
Non-Teacher Staff Member	Non-binding Advisory Staff Poll
JROTC Instructor	Non-binding Advisory Staff Poll (military academy high schools only)
Student	Binding student elections in schools with a traditional LSC and in ALSC/BOG schools a Non-Binding Advisory Student Poll or Student Serving as a Cadet Battalion Commander or Senior Cadet (military academy high schools)
Educational Expert	Recommendation by ALCS/BOG

**WHEREAS**, the established methods of selection of candidates for Board appointment to fill mid-term vacancies on local school councils, appointed local school councils, and/or boards of governors were employed at the schools identified on the attached Exhibit A, and the candidates selected thereby and any other candidates recommended by the Chief Executive Officer have been submitted to the Board for consideration for appointment.

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois School Code and the Governance Policy authorize the Board to exercise

The individuals identified on the attached Exhibit A are hereby appointed to serve in the specified categories on the local school councils, appointed local school councils, and/or boards of governors of the identified schools for the remainder of the current term of their respective offices. absolute discretion in the appointment process except for student appointments of traditional LSCs where the student election is binding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**Exhibit A****NEW APPOINTED LSC MEMBERS****TEACHER**

Melinda Mahr  
Kimberly Denard  
Kierra Thomas  
Wilma Rodriguez  
Raul Mercado  
Sarah Brinegar  
Eileen Dziedzic  
Georgetta Spencer

**REPLACING**

Vacancy  
Jaclyn Neal  
Vacancy  
Lyndsay Whitfield  
Boris Negron  
Delena Youngblood  
Dan Jeske  
Jefferey Blackwell

**SCHOOL**

FARRAGUT HS  
WOODSON  
GREGORY  
DE DIEGO  
DE DIEGO  
WOODSON  
AMUNDSEN HS  
SPENCER

**NON-TEACHER**

Palomares Grecia  
Belinda Green  
Raul Mercado

**REPLACING**

Vacancy  
Sharon Mason  
Boris Negron

**SCHOOL**

BUDLONG  
MAYS  
DE DIEGO