

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
James Leo McGuinness Administration Building
100 Bennett Street
Lynn, Massachusetts 01905

Committee of the Whole
Interviews for the position of
Legal Services to the Lynn School Committee
Monday, January 24, 2022 at 5:49 P.M.

Members present: Mr. Castellanos, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Dugan, Ms. Gately
Dr. Magnolia, Mr. Pena, and Mayor Nicholson

In Attendance: Dr. Tutwiler, Superintendent; Ms. Powers, Deputy Superintendent;
Ms. Ruggiero, Deputy Superintendent;
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator; and
Ms. Jules, Secretary of the School Committee.

Mayor Nicholson presided.

The purpose of this meeting is to interview candidates for Legal Services to the School Committee. Mr. Nicholson explained that each member of the School Committee will ask a question of the candidates.

The Mayor explained we have one other candidate to schedule, and this interview will take place on Thursday before the regular meeting, he will confirm the time with the candidate.

Mayor Nicholson called for a recess at 5:51 P.M.

The Committee resumed the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

The following candidates answered questions from Committee members:

1. Howard L. Greenspan
2. Miyares & Harrington, LLP – Donna Brewer and Alexandra Rubin
3. Timothy Phelan
4. Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP – Michael Maccaro, Vineesha Sow, and Mary Ellen Sowyrda
5. Qua, Hall, Harvey & Walsh – James P. Hall
6. Norris, Murray & Peloquin, LLC – Melissa Murray and Tim Norris

Questions

1. Ms. Coppola: Why do you think that you/your firm would be a good fit to provide legal advice and counsel to the School Committee of the Lynn Public Schools?
2. Mr. Pena: Could you tell us about your/your firm's **experience** providing legal services to school committees in **urban school districts/municipalities** comparable to Lynn?
3. Mr. Castellanos: Could you describe your/your firm's experience providing legal services related to **personnel, labor relations and collective bargaining** in public education?
4. Dr. Magnolia: Could you describe your/your firm's experience providing legal services related to **special education, student discipline, and general school law** issues?
5. Mr. Dugan: (*If a firm*) How does your firm manage **having multiple staff representatives working with the same client**?
 - Beyond the primary point of contact, who from your firm would Lynn Public Schools interface with? Who would attend school committee meetings?
 - How many individuals from your firm would be assigned to provide legal advice or counsel to Lynn Public Schools?(*If an individual*) How would you balance **having multiple client representatives** working on behalf of the same client?
6. Ms. Gately: If a school committee member received a constituent call alleging that a particular school was acting in violation of LPS policy and the planned action was scheduled for the following day, **how would you/your firm handle** the situation?
(*If a firm*) Who from your firm would be responsible for providing legal services related to this specific request?

Mayor Nicholson called for a recess at 7:44 P.M.
The Committee resumed the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Nicholson called for a recess at 8:37 P.M.
The Committee resumed the meeting at 9:02 P.M.

Mr. Pena made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 P.M. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Mary Jules
Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted: February 10, 2022