

Minutes of the Devens Educational Advisory Committee Zoom Meeting.

Date of Zoom meeting: 7th April 2026

Time : 7:00

Members Present

Elected Committee Members

Philip Cheung, Martha Guerrero, Dorinda Abrafi

Resigning Member

Fahima Shaik

Replacement Committee member

Marissa Rivera

Executive Vice President of Devens Operations

Michael Sweeney

Meeting as conducted according to Robert's Rules

Activity.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by chairperson Dorinda Abrafi.
- 2) Committee member Fahima Shaik announced her intention to resign her seat at the council and her resignation was accepted by all members present. She will need to submit a formal resignation email to Michael Sweeney.
- 3) DEAC members proceeded to vote to replace Fahima's vacated seat with Marissa Rivera.
- 4) Voting was unanimous to accept Marissa Rivera as the new DEAC committee member replacing Fahima Shaik
- 5) Chairperson provide DEAC members with a copy of an old contract between Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and the School Committee of the Town of Harvard, Massachusetts.
- 6) Committee proceeded to discuss various aspects of the contract with the intent to clearly understand the context and intent of each section. The discussion also centered on the budget utilization. As part of the process to gain clarity on the various topics discussed, council members asked to invite the new incoming superintendent (Dana Labb) to a future DEAC meeting for a discussion on the current contract and to gain a better understanding of how Harvard utilized these resources to serve Devens students. Council will draft a series of questions to guide the discussion and submit these questions before the date of the meeting (to be determined at a subsequent meeting)
- 7) Committee member Philip Cheung reported that he did not find the old meeting minutes at the Devens Enterprise Commission website. Michael Sweeney will look into the process of posting meeting minutes online and how to locate minutes from previous meetings.

- 8) Committee members indicated that a member of the committee should start re-attending the Harvard Education Committee meetings. CEO William provided a schedule of the dates. Committee to proceed to the next step in the process of gaining attendance in the Harvard Education Committee meetings.
- 9) Chairperson indicated that DEAC should feel the pulse of Devens residents on how the general consensus is regarding the education of Devens students by the Harvard School District. The mechanism to use for this survey may be through a future Devens community meeting organized by DevensConnect.

Meeting adjourned with Dorinda to set the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting Recorder
Philip Cheung