



School Committee Attendance at Selectboard August 17, 2026

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Committee: School Committee (Attendance at SELECTBOARD)
Meeting Location: Mural Room, Duxbury Town Hall, 878 Tremont Street & via Zoom
Day & Date of Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2026 **Time:** 6:30 p.m. – Open Session
Posted by: CMitchell

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. OPEN FORUM
4. NEW BUSINESS

6:35 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING – Liquor License – Alteration of Premises and Change of Hours – The Art Complex, Inc.

Discussion and Vote on a Charity Wine Pouring License Application – The Art Complex, Inc.

6:45 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING – Class I Auto Dealer's License – Bluewater Bayside (formerly Bayside Marine)

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Joint meeting with the School Committee to interview, discuss and vote on a candidate to fill a vacant School Committee seat

The following candidates will be interviewed to serve on a vacant seat on the School Committee

A. Jenna Wechsler

B. Priscilla Nissi

C. Carol-Ann "Callie" Smith

5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

6. **ONE DAY LIQUOR OR WINE AND MALT LICENSES**

8/29/2026 - Croquet Fundraiser – King Caesar House & Bumpus Park

7. **EVENTS**

10/18/2026 – 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat – 260 Saint George St

8. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Registrars of Voters -

9. **MINUTES**

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**



Re: [EXTERNAL] Application for Interim School Committee Member

From DuxburyTownClerk <duxburytownclerk@duxbury-ma.gov>

Date Wed 8/5/2026 12:11 PM

To Jenna Wechsler <jennaluk@gmail.com>

Received.

Thank you.

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From: Jenna Wechsler <jennaluk@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 10:00 AM

To: DuxburyTownClerk <DuxburyTownClerk@duxbury-ma.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Application for Interim School Committee Member

Good morning,

Attached please find a resume and letter of intent to apply for the position of Interim School Committee Member. Can you please confirm receiving my application? Thank you for your time.

Best,

Jenna Wechsler

216-990-4705

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August 5, 2026

Duxbury Public Schools
Duxbury, MA

Dear Members of the School Committee:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to apply for the position of interim member of the Duxbury School Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of my qualifications to explain how I would make a strong and positive contribution to the Duxbury School Committee.

After receiving my PhD in political science in 2009, I spent ten years teaching at Wheaton College (MA), where I also spent additional time working in the office of Academic Advising. During my tenure at Wheaton, I excelled at crafting new courses, keeping students engaged, and working with students one-on-one to help them achieve their goals. I think my time at Wheaton will be an asset to the School Committee because I had an inside look into what students need to succeed in college and an understanding of how to help them personally achieve success.

Pursuing a dream and taking a big leap, I left Wheaton College in 2020 to pursue my law degree at New England Law. In May 2024, I graduated at the top of my class and that August I passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam. I entered law school with the intent to focus on juvenile and criminal law in order to become a public defender in Juvenile Court. However, during law school, I subsequently discovered a passion for education law. Two of my most rewarding experiences in law school were: (1) interning with the head legal counsel for the Cambridge Public School System; and (2) publication of an article about the intersection of race, gender, special education status, and discipline in the New England Journal of Law. My specialized knowledge in education law can aid my decision-making as a member of the School Committee as the Committee makes complex decisions with legal ramifications.

In March 2025, I accepted a position as a law clerk in Juvenile Court. As a law clerk, I assist the Juvenile Court Justices with making decisions and crafting legal opinions. This has been a rewarding experience that has given me a unique insight into the problems faced by our local youth and their families. Through my work on juvenile delinquency cases, I witness first-hand how young people experience legal trouble through drugs, social media, and sexual assault. Through Child Requiring Assistance (CRA) cases and Care and Protection cases, I have witnessed the school's role in aiding children and the systematic challenges faced by local families. As a member of the School Committee, I would use my knowledge to help craft preventive policies to keep our students out of trouble and policies to help our local families thrive.

While education and work have always been important cornerstones in my life, family and community have remained my primary focus and guiding light. I have always made time for community service. I have been very involved in Duxbury Girl Scouts for several years and I took

over as the service unit coordinator in 2025. As the service unit coordinator, I oversee over a dozen girl scout troops with girls ranging from kindergarten to high school grades. This role allows me to engage with hundreds of Duxbury female students as I plan community wide events and community service opportunities. Through this role, I have made many community connections that I would continue to foster as a member of the School Committee. For the last several years, I have also served as a board member for local Congregation Shirat Hayam. As a board member, I engaged in collaborative decision-making as we faced tight budgets and set our priorities, an experience that is highly relevant to the work of the School Committee. Finally, for two years, I served on the Chandler School Council, where we assisted the Chandler administration on important matters such as assessing the curriculum and prioritizing budget items.

Last but not least, my most important role is proud mother to three Duxbury School children. My three children have all been in the Duxbury school system since kindergarten. I currently have a rising fifth grader, seventh grader, and eighth grader. As a parent, I have had the opportunity to get to know the wonderful teachers, staff, and administration of the Duxbury Public Schools. I have closely followed the issues affecting Duxbury schools and have been a consistent participant in town meetings and local elections to support our school system. I have learned first-hand that there is no “one size fits all” when it comes to children and that families will always have different priorities as they strive to do what is best for their children. I recognize that the decisions made by the School Committee can be divisive, but I also believe we have many shared goals as a community. As a School Committee member, my focus would be on inclusivity and achieving educational attainment for all students. While our students are all individuals, collectively they are the future citizens of our community and while educational attainment remains the primary goal, schools must also support students’ mental and physical health.

In conclusion, I am applying for this position because I am passionate about Duxbury Public Schools and believe I can have a positive impact as a member of the School Committee. I have contemplated seeking a position for a number of years now, and I have reached a place in my professional and personal life where I am ready to serve. I believe my education, work experience, community involvement, and role as a concerned parent makes me an ideal candidate for the School Committee. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jenna Wechsler

JENNA WECHSLER, ESQ., PH.D.

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EDUCATION

New England Law | Boston

Boston, Massachusetts

Juris Doctor Summa cum laude

May 2024

Class Rank: 1 of 40GPA: 3.9Honors: New England Scholar 2020-2024

Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship, 2020-2024

Dean's List, Fall 2020- Spring 2024

CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Contracts I, Fall 2020

CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Negotiation, Fall 2023

New England Law Review Associate/Technical Editor, Fall 2022-Spring 2024

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, Tennessee

PhD in Political Science Magna cum laude

May 2009

GPA: 3.925Honors: National Science Foundation Dissertation Enhancement Grant

Vanderbilt University Dissertation Enhancement Grant

Dissertation Fellow, Center for Ethics at Vanderbilt University

Denison University

Granville, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Magna cum laude

May 2004

GPA: 3.87Honors: Honors Program Scholarship, 2000-2004**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

The Trial Court of Massachusetts Juvenile Court

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Law Clerk (Research Attorney)

March 2025 to present

- Communication-Provides legal advice to Juvenile Court Justices across the Commonwealth including the Cape, Plymouth, Brockton, Dedham, and Taunton.
- Writing and Research-writes legal decisions and orders in cases involving Juvenile Delinquency, Child Requiring Assistance, and Care and Protection Cases.

New England Law Clinical Law Office

Boston, Massachusetts

Student Attorney

Spring 2023

- Legal Research and Writing-conducted research on family law matters and wrote legal memorandums.
- Client Advocacy-conducted client intake interviews, managed case files, negotiated with opposing parties, provided one-on-one legal advice at Rosie's Place.

Cambridge Public Schools

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Office of Legal Counsel, Legal Intern

Summer 2022

- Research-policy-based research focused on proposed changes to Title IX, MA education laws, employment discrimination, and constitutional rights.
- Writing-communicated legal recommendations in several formal memorandums.
- Mediation-settling disputes filed before the Special Education Board.

Wheaton College
Assistant Professor
Academic Advisor

Norton, Massachusetts
 Fall 2009-Spring 2020

- Research and Writing-trained in quantitative analysis, taught Research Methods, directed hundreds of student research projects and several Honor's Theses, presented my work at numerous national conferences, coauthored work with students.
- Advising- helped students choose a major, design courses of study, achieve academic success, and apply for jobs and graduate study; directed the Moot Court team and guided students towards success in the American Moot Court Association National Competition; assisted the Dean of Academic Advising by counseling students that were struggling or considering transferring.
- Teaching-taught nine different courses, designed several courses, championed experiential learning, received excellent teaching reviews.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Organization

<i>Girl Scouts of America</i> , Service Unit Coordinator	2024-present
<i>Girl Scouts of America</i> , Troop Leader	2018-present
<i>Congregation Shirat Hayem</i> , Board Member	2018-present
<i>Duxbury Public Schools</i> , School Council Member	2022- 2024
<i>Duxbury Youth Soccer</i> , Coach	2021-2024

BAR ADMISSION

Massachusetts Bar, 2024

PUBLICATIONS

The Intersection of Race, Gender, Special Education Status, and School Discipline: A Multifaceted Approach to Closing the School-to-Prison Pipeline for the Most Vulnerable Youth, 58 New England Law Review 79 (Fall 2023).

[EXTERNAL] Application for Open Seat on the Duxbury School Committee

From Priscilla Nissi <pmlnissi@gmail.com>

Date Wed 7/15/2026 2:32 PM

To Susan Kelley <kelley@duxbury-ma.gov>

 1 attachment (71 KB)

Resume - Priscilla L.Nissi - Google Docs.pdf;

Dear Ms. Kelley,

Please consider this to be my formal submission of my name for consideration for the open seat on the Duxbury School Committee.

I just retired, having completed 25 years of teaching third grade at Alden School. During the time I was at Alden, I was on quite a few committees -- superintendent search, principal search, assistant principal search, Alden school council, K-12 Literacy Curriculum, Alden Literacy Curriculum, Administrative Advisory, and two district strategic plan committees, including the most recent one. I was also an Alden DTA rep for a number of years.

My husband and I purchased our first home in Duxbury in 1983. We have four children and seven grandchildren (with one more on the way!). Five of those grandchildren live in Duxbury; the oldest will be in 5th grade at Alden in September.

Before starting our family, I worked in account management in advertising (BBDO Boston). When our first child was born, I became a stay-at-home mom. I became involved with the school when I was a community member on the Chandler School Improvement Council before our children were old enough to start kindergarten. Then, I held various positions on the Chandler PTA board and was president. Next, I was co-president of the Duxbury Middle School PTA for two years. I was a member of the Town Ad Hoc Sidewalk Committee, and during my time on that committee, the Chestnut Street sidewalk was constructed. Also, I was a member of the Sleep Needs Study Committee, a committee formed by the School Committee. After completion of our report, the School Committee voted to implement the plan, and I was on the Sleep Needs Implementation Committee. School start times were changed across the district to what they still are today. Then I went back to school, got my teaching certification and started teaching third grade at Alden.

Full disclosure -- our daughter-in-law, Leisa Nissi, teaches P.E. at Alden School, so I would need to abstain from votes pertaining to teacher salaries or anything that would be considered a conflict of interest.

I am a passionate supporter of education and care deeply about our town and schools. I look forward to continuing in the selection process, and you will find my resume attached.

Warm regards,

Priscilla Nissi

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 P.O. Box 2493
 Duxbury, MA 02331-2493

Education

Lesley University	Masters, Education - Curriculum & Instruction, 9/03-10/05
Bridgewater State College	Post-Baccalaureate Program, completed 05/01
Cornell University	B.S., Communications, 09/75-05/79

Employment

Grade 3 Classroom Teacher - Alden School, 8/01-6/26

During 25 years, served as a mentor to newly hired faculty members, on Alden School Council, Alden Administrative Advisory Committee, K-12 Literacy Committee, Alden Literacy Committee, Alden Report Card Committee, PTA Liaison, multiple search committees for hiring new staff, new administrators, and superintendents, Strategic Plan Committees (twice), and as Alden Representative to the Duxbury Teachers Association.

Account Supervisor – Quinn & Johnson/BBDO, Inc. (Boston, MA), 10/79-04/85 – Managed high-tech accounts for sixth largest advertising agency in New England

Community Involvement

Community Representative – Chandler School Improvement Council, 1987-1989

President – Chandler School PTA, 1995-1996

PTA Representative – School Reorganization Transition Team, DMS, 1997

Co-President – Duxbury Middle School PTA, 1997/98 and 1998/99

PTA Representative - Task Force on School Safety and Security, Duxbury Schools, 1999-00

PTA Representative - DMS Selection Committee for Assistant Principal, 1999

Committee Member - Town Ad Hoc Sidewalk Committee – completed and presented our report recommending a comprehensive approach to building and connecting walkways to town meeting in March 2000 which approved the completion of the Chestnut Street sidewalk. Our initial 2000 plan was subsequently incorporated into the town Master Plans and Open Space & Recreation Plans.

Committee Member – Full Day Kindergarten Committee, 2000-01

Committee Member – Sleep Needs Study Committee - This committee was formed by the School Committee 2001-2002.

Committee Member – Sleep Needs Implementation Committee 2002-2003 – our work resulted in the changing of school start times to what they still are across the district.

Volunteer – Project Pride Committee (citizens support group for the Duxbury Schools building project, 2001)



Re: [EXTERNAL] School Committee Application

From DuxburyTownClerk <duxburytownclerk@duxbury-ma.gov>

Date Wed 8/5/2026 1:59 PM

To Callie Smith <callie.sch@gmail.com>

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From: Callie Smith <callie.sch@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 1:34 PM

To: DuxburyTownClerk <DuxburyTownClerk@duxbury-ma.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Committee Application

Hello,

My name is Carol-Ann "Callie" Smith and I am interested in filling the vacant seat on the School Committee. Attached you will find my letter of interest and resume.

Thank you,

Callie Smith
71 Brick Hill Lane

Carol-Ann "Callie" Smith
Duxbury School Committee
Vacancy Application
August 2026

Dear Members of the School Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to the vacant seat on the Duxbury School Committee. As an educator, parent, and active member of the Duxbury community, I believe that I offer a valuable combination of professional experience, personal investment, and community involvement in the success of the Duxbury Public Schools.

For more than twelve years, I taught high school Latin, served as a student advisor, and also coached three interscholastic sports most years. I later served as a ninth-grade dean at Thayer Academy, supporting students and families through the transition to high school. I worked with faculty and administrators to ensure that every student had the support they needed to succeed. I also developed and coordinated programs that built community and enriched the student experience. In addition, I regularly led students on experiential learning trips within the United States and abroad. I completed extensive DEI training during my years in independent schools.

I have bachelor's and master's degrees in Latin language and literature, as well as some doctoral coursework. Studying Latin has taught me to think critically, read carefully, and ask thoughtful questions. Reading literature that spans ancient Rome through the medieval and post-Renaissance periods has also given me a broad perspective on history, politics, and human nature. These experiences continue to shape how I view the world, evaluate issues, consider different viewpoints, and approach leadership today.

For the past four years, I have stepped away from the classroom to care for my two children, Wally and Reid. During this time, I have become deeply involved in the Duxbury community. I currently serve as a Vice President of Enrichment for the Chandler School PTA Board and as the Communications Lead for the Duxbury Adventure Club. I have served on the Friends of the Duxbury Free Library Board for the past three years, including this past year as co-president. This past year, I also served on the Duxbury Public Schools Strategic Planning Committee. That experience inspired me to seek this appointment because it demonstrated to me that I have both the experience and perspective to contribute meaningfully to the district's future.

My experience has taught me that strong schools depend on thoughtful governance. School Committee members should read carefully, ask insightful questions, and make thoughtful, informed decisions. They should not simply approve what comes before them. My background has given me experience in leadership, strategic planning, problem-solving, and collaborative decision-making. Throughout my career, I have built a reputation for being prepared, collaborative, and action-oriented. I value listening to different viewpoints. I am willing to make difficult decisions when necessary. I believe that good governance requires both careful planning and effective implementation.

My family has a deep commitment to the Duxbury Public Schools. My husband Tyler attended Duxbury Public Schools from first grade through his graduation from DHS in 2006. We chose to return to Duxbury because of this community, that history, and the strength of the education he received here. We have lived in town since 2019. Our older son Wally finished kindergarten this past year at Chandler School. Wally has a 504 plan due to a complex medical condition, which has given me firsthand experience navigating student supports. Our younger son Reid will start kindergarten in 2027.

It would be an honor to serve the Duxbury community on the School Committee. I would bring the perspective of an educator, a parent, and a community volunteer. I would work thoughtfully and collaboratively to support students, families, and staff. Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my interests and qualifications further.

Sincerely,

Carol-Ann "Callie" Smith
71 Brick Hill Lane

CAROL-ANN “CALLIE” SMITH

71 Brick Hill Lane, Duxbury, MA, 02332 • (603) 557-8130 • callie.sch@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Educational leader with 12 years of experience as a teacher, advisor, and academic dean in independent and public schools. Active Duxbury community volunteer with leadership roles supporting public education, libraries, and family engagement. Committed to thoughtful governance, strong communication, and student-centered decision making.

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Graduate Study in Classics, June 2018- May 2022

Master of Latin, May 2020 • 4.0 GPA

Doctoral coursework in Classics, August 2021- May 2022 • 4.0 GPA

Wheaton College, Norton, MA

B.A. in Latin (with departmental honors), May 2010

Minor: Classical Civilization

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Friends of the Duxbury Free Library

Board Member, June 2025–Present

Co-President, June 2025–June 2026

- Lead board governance, monthly meetings, and organizational communications.
- Oversee fundraising, community programming, and strategic initiatives supporting the library's mission.
- Manage the Library Speakers Consortium Series and mentor Junior Friends of the Library volunteers.

Chandler Elementary School PTA, Duxbury, MA

Vice President of Academic Enrichment, August 2025–Present

- Lead academic enrichment programming for grades 1–2.
- Partner with school staff and parent volunteers to support educational programming, school events, and family engagement initiatives.

Duxbury Public Schools Strategic Planning Committee, Duxbury, MA

Member, October 2025–April 2026

- Collaborate with district leaders and community members to help shape long-term strategic priorities for Duxbury Public Schools.
- Contribute to discussions focused on student success, community engagement, and the future direction of the district.

Duxbury Adventure Club, Duxbury, MA
Communications Lead, October 2025–Present

- Lead communications for a growing community organization, overseeing brand messaging, marketing, and member outreach.
- Collaborate with leadership to develop and promote programs that strengthen community connections and inspire family participation.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Thayer Academy, Braintree, MA
Upper School Latin Teacher, Grade Nine Co-Dean, Interscholastic Sports Coach, 2015–2023

- Designed curriculum and taught Latin 1-5, Honors level Latin courses, and AP Latin.
- Provided academic, social, and behavioral support as freshman advisor and co-dean.
- Partnered with students, families, faculty, and administrators to support student success and strengthen school culture.
- Supported students on individualized learning plans.
- Coached volleyball, basketball, and track & field.
- Planned and led the annual Senior Project Trip to Greece.

Rising Tide Charter Public School, Plymouth, MA
Middle School Latin Teacher, 2014–2015

- Taught Latin and Classical World courses to grades 6–7.
- Designed creative elective courses including Apiology, Comparative Mythology, and Poetry & Pop Music.
- Supported students with IEPs/504s.
- Co-advised National Junior Classical League chapter.

EARLY CAREER TEACHING (CONSOLIDATED)

Upper School Latin Teacher, The Bolles School, FL (2013–2014)
Latin Teacher & Residential Faculty, Canterbury School, CT (2010–2013)
Latin Tutor/TA, Wheaton College (2008–2010)
Summer School Latin and Greek Teacher, Bishop Guertin High School (2007)

Experience includes:

- Teaching Latin I–AP Latin, differentiated instruction, curriculum development, and student advising.
- Coaching volleyball, basketball, and track & field.
- Leading student retreats, service programs, and residential student support.

LEADERSHIP & CORE COMPETENCIES

Educational Leadership • Strategic Planning • Board Governance • Community Engagement • Public Speaking • Event Planning • Curriculum Design • Student Support • Collaborative Leadership • Written & Verbal Communication