

## **Inaugural Ceremony 2022**

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

**Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall**

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**PRESENT: City Councilors-elect: Valerie Hanson Gilman; Tony M. Gross; Jason M. Grow; Frank Margiotta; R. Scott Memhard; Sean Nolan; James W. O’Hara, Jr.; Tracy J. O’Neil; Jeffrey T. Worthley**

**Mayor-elect: Gregory P. Verga**

**School Committee members-elect: Mayor-elect Gregory P. Verga; William W. Melvin, Jr.; Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince; Samantha Verga Watson; Laura B. Wiessen**

**School Committee members-elect absent: Kathleen A. Clancy; Keith Alan Mineo**

**Also Present: City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos; State Senator Bruce Tarr; State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante; Governor’s Council member Eileen Duff**

**Prelude:** John Jerome

**Welcome:** Eileen Duff

**Pledge of Allegiance:** State Representative, Ann-Margaret Ferrante

**National Anthem:** John Jerome

**Invocation:** Reverend Rona Tyndall

**Swearing In Ceremonies:** City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos

**Oath of Office to Mayor:** The **Honorable Gregory P. Verga, Mayor** as administered by **City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos**, who acknowledged that the Mayor was duly elected in a municipal election held on November 2, 2021.

**Ms. Senos** announced the results of the November 2, 2021 City of Gloucester municipal election for the membership of the 2022-2023 Gloucester School Committee as follows: Kathleen A. Clancy; William W. Melvin, Jr.; Keith Alan Mineo; Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince; Samantha Verga Watson; Laura B. Wiessen, and stated that Mayor Verga would serve as the seventh member of the School Committee.

**The Oath of Office of Gloucester School Committee members was administered by Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk to:** William W. Melvin, Jr.; Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince; Samantha Verga Watson; Laura B. Wiessen; Mayor Gregory P. Verga, Ex-Officio member.

**Special Meeting of the School Committee – Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary of the School Committee:** The special meeting of the Gloucester School Committee meeting was called to order at **1:15 p.m.** by **Mayor Verga**.

**School Committee member, Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince** nominated **School Committee member, Kathleen A. Clancy** for the position of School Committee Chair. There were no further nominations.

**MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Prince, seconded by Ms. Verga Watson, the Gloucester School Committee voted by ROLL CALL 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Clancy, Mineo) absent, to elect School Committee member, Kathleen A. Clancy as Chair of the Gloucester School Committee.**

**Mayor Verga** called for nominations for the position of School Committee Vice Chair. **School Committee member, Laura B. Wiessen** nominated **School Committee member, Samantha Verga Watson** for the position of School Committee Vice Chair. There were no further nominations.

**MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Wiessen, seconded by Ms. Prince, the Gloucester School Committee voted by ROLL CALL 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Clancy, Mineo) absent, to elect School Committee member, Samantha Verga Watson as Vice Chair of the Gloucester School Committee.**

**Mayor Verga** then turned the meeting over to **Samantha Verga Watson, School Committee Vice Chair** who called for nominations for the position of School Committee Secretary. **Mayor Verga** nominated **School Committee member, Laura B. Wiessen** as Secretary.

**MOTION: On a motion by Mayor Verga, seconded by Mr. Melvin, the Gloucester School Committee voted by ROLL CALL 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Clancy, Mineo) absent, to elect School Committee member, Laura B. Wiessen as Secretary of the Gloucester School Committee.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Watson, seconded by Ms. Wiessen, the Gloucester School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the Special School Committee meeting at 1:19 p.m.**

**Ms. Senos** then administered the Oath of Office for the newly elected Vice Chair and Secretary of the School Committee.

**Poetic Interlude: Phil Storey** read a selection of poems, including “The Holiest of Holies” and “Sea Smoke” written by Gloucester Poet Laureate Vincent Ferrini, and “Dreamboat” which was written by himself.

**Ms. Senos** announced the results of the municipal election of November 2, 2021 for the 2022-2023 Gloucester City Council as follows:

**Councilors At Large:** Tony M. Gross; Jason M. Grow; James W. O’Hara, Jr.; Jeffrey T. Worthley

**Ward 1 Councilor:** R. Scott Memhard

**Ward 2 Councilor:** Tracy J. O’Neil

**Ward 3 Councilor:** Francesco Margiotta

**Ward 4 Councilor:** Valerie Hanson Gilman

**Ward 5 Councilor:** Sean Nolan

**The Oath of Office of Gloucester City Councilors was administered by Ms. Senos to:** Valerie Hanson Gilman; Tony M. Gross; Jason M. Grow; Francesco Margiotta; R. Scott Memhard; Sean Nolan; James W. O’Hara, Jr.; Tracy O’Neil; and Jeffrey T. Worthley

**The Special City Council meeting was called to order at 1:28 p.m. by Ms. Senos. Ms. Senos** called the roll of the roster of Councilors in alphabetic order for the purpose of nominating a Council President.

**Councilor Gilman** was nominated, as was **Councilor Nolan**, for the position of City Council President.

**The nomination of Councilor Gilman was voted by the City Councilors on a ROLL CALL vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed. Councilor Gilman was declared Council President of the City Council. Ms. Senos turned the meeting over to Council President Gilman.**

**Council President Gilman** called for nominations for the position of Council Vice President. **Councilor O'Hara** nominated **Councilor Nolan** for the position of Council Vice President. There were no further nominations.

**The nomination of Councilor Nolan was voted by the City Councilors on a ROLL CALL vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed. Councilor Nolan was declared Council Vice President.**

**It was moved and seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the Special City Council meeting at 1:35 p.m.**

**Ms. Senos** then administered the Oath of Office to the President and Vice President of the City Council.

**Musical Interlude:** John Jerome

**Inaugural Address:** The Honorable Gregory P. Verga, Mayor

**Benediction:** Lindsay Crouse

**Recessional Closing:** John Jerome

**Submitted by:** Sherry Karvelas, Clerk of Committees

**DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETINGS:** None.