

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS/OATH OF OFFICE

In order to serve on the School Committee, an individual must be a registered voter in the **city** from which he/she is elected or appointed and must take an oath of office as required by law.

Prior to participating on the school committee, newly-elected school committee members must be officially sworn in by a city official.

From the **City** Clerk, newly qualified Committee members, by law, receive, and sign a receipt for a copy of the Massachusetts **Open Meeting** law governing the conduct of Committee meetings in general and executive sessions.

Established by law. SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS:

MGL 43 (City Charters), 44C (Candidates for Nomination, Qualifications)

Greenfield Charter: Article 4, Section 1(b): Eligibility: *A School Committee member shall at the time of election be a voter.*

Greenfield Charter, Article 8, Section 8(a) Oath of Office...School Committee:

(a) The...School Committee members-elect shall, on the first business day of the new year, meet and be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. ... The oath may be administered to the members of the ...School Committee by the Mayor, after the Mayor has been duly sworn, or by any of the above named officials [...Town Clerk, a judge of a court of record, a justice of the peace].

(b) In case of the absence of...any member-elect of...the School Committee on said day the oath of office may at any time thereafter be administered to such person who for any reason shall not have taken the oath on the day named.

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