

## **File: BDA - SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Officers of the Arlington School Committee shall be elected at an organization meeting held only for this purpose each year. The organization meeting shall be scheduled for a date and time after the annual town elections, and prior to the first regular School Committee meeting of the month.

Officers shall be elected separately for terms of one year. A majority vote of the members present shall constitute an election.

The member with the earliest date of Committee membership shall preside as Chairperson pro tempore until the new officers are elected. The Chairperson shall conduct the election of all School Committee officers, following the methods set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

**A Land Acknowledgement, as set forth in File BEDL, shall be read at the beginning of the organizational meeting.**

For the purpose of defining seniority of School Committee members under File BDA and File BDAA, the following rule shall apply. When two or more members are elected for the first time at the same election, and, when both members have had identical lengths of service on the Committee, the senior member shall be determined by the member receiving the greater number of votes received in the election in which the members were first elected.

Approximately one month prior to the School Committee Organizational Meeting, School Committee members interested in officer positions will notify the administrative secretary and/or Chairperson.

Any vacancy among the officers occurring between organizational meetings will be filled by a member elected by the School Committee. The election will be conducted as described above.

"At each organizational meeting the newly elected Chair shall read aloud the Standards and Norms of the Arlington School Committee, attached hereto as BDA-E, and invite each member to publically sign the document. All members shall be provided with BDA-E prior to the organizational meeting."

CROSS REFS.: BBB, School Committee Elections

[BDAA](#), Election of School Committee Officers

[BDA-E](#), School Committee: Norms and Standards

[BE](#), Regular School Committee Meetings

BEDL, Land Acknowledgement