

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
One Ashburton Place: Room 503
Boston, MA 02108
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RE:

Tracking Number: I-16-138

Request by Gloria Jones and 5 others¹ to open an investigation regarding the Boston Public Schools to “protect these employees’ rights”.

Appearance for Petitioners:

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Appearance for Boston Public Schools:

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Commissioner:

Christopher C. Bowman

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

On August 5, 2016, the Petitioners filed a request for the Civil Service Commission to conduct an investigation pursuant to G.L. c. 31, § 2(a) to “protect [their] rights”, alleging that the Boston Public Schools (BPS) was creating non-civil service positions and excluding these positions from consideration regarding layoffs.

On September 6, 2016, I held a conference to allow the Petitioners to show why the Commission should conduct an investigation. The conference was attended by counsel for SEIU Local 888, union representatives and counsel for BPS.

As part of that conference, the Petitioners were unable to provide any examples to support the allegations contained in the petition. Rather, the Petitioners raised other issues that appear to

¹ Karen Howard, Vivian Furtado, Mary Doolin, Diane Flynn and Gloria Houston.

pertain to job posting and bidding requirements, which fall more squarely under the collective bargaining agreement, as opposed to civil service law.

I provided the Petitioners with thirty (30) days to amend their petition to identify examples of alleged violation(s) of civil service law. No amended petition was received.

For this reason, the Petitioners' request to initiate an investigation is denied and this matter is *closed*.

SO ORDERED.

Civil Service Commission

/s/ Christopher Bowman
Christopher C. Bowman
Chairman

By a vote of the Civil Service Commission (Bowman, Chairman; Camuso, Ittleman, Stein and Tivnan, Commissioners) on December 8, 2016.

Notice:
Maureen McFarlane, Esq. (for Petitioners)
David Murphy, Esq. (for Boston Public Schools)