



# Town of Wayland | Meeting Minutes

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## Wayland Middle School

Meeting Date & Time	<b>January 22, 2026 at 4:00 pm</b>
Meeting Format	In-Person and Remote-Access
Meeting Location	Wayland Middle School
Members Present	Deborah Romeo, Peter Curran, Shaylanna Graham, Larina Mehta, Bethann Monahan, Alexandra Ryan, Dina Sorour, Elizabeth Wuerz,
Members Absent	N/A
Minutes submitted by	Deborah Romeo

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## Minutes

4:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM.

4:00-4:10PM

The members engaged in a brief welcome activity.

4:10-4:20PM

Principal Romeo provided a brief update from the school that included:

- Recognition of a strong return to school in January and a rich teaching and learning time at the school
- A review of the professional learning taking place at WMS.
  - Executive Functioning Professional Development (PD) with Ms. Sarah Ward, an internationally recognized expert in this area.
  - Artificial Intelligence Professional Development with Ms. Bethann Monahan, WMS technology curriculum leader, on January 28th.
- Sharing from the METCO Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration on January 21, 2026 in Boston and brief outline of the commemoration which will take place at WMS on Friday, January 23, 2026.

4:20-4:55PM

The members explored the context for the School Council's work this year: Building a Sense of Belonging

- Reading on Belonging: Defining belonging - inclusion, connection, agency, and recognition
- Circle Discussion of Reading
- Brainstorming Ideas for a School Council Project to Build Belonging at WMS - focus was most on the connection and recognition elements of belonging.

4:55PM-5:00PM

- Principal Romeo invited members to play the role of Co-chair and/or minutes taker. Interested members to contact her directly.
- Meeting adjourned

Resources shared:

- Belonging Barometer by Elizabeth Wuerz
- Town of Wayland Community Life & Engagement Executive Report April 2025 by Dina Sorour