



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

August 12, 2020

City Council Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **JOAQUIM "JACK" LIVRAMENTO** of 384 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA to the **GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**. Mr. Livramento will be replacing Joshua Amaral, who has resigned due to competing time constraints (copy of resignation attached). This seat has historically been filled by a member of the New Bedford School Committee and as the longest tenured school committee member and a statewide leader on education issues, Mr. Livramento would bring a wealth of experience to the position. This term will expire in May 2023.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Joaquim "Jack" Livramento
GNBRVTHS

IN CITY COUNCIL, August 20, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

a true copy, attest:

City Clerk



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and file it with the Personnel Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) **GNBVT School Committee**

Name: **Joaquim B. "Jack" Livramento** Email: **jlivramento@newbedfordschools.org**

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Residence Address: **384 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA** Zip: **02740**

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: **Retired chemist**

Educational Background: **Master of Science Degree - Chemistry - UMASS Dartmouth**

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:
United Interfaith Action; Our Lady of Assumption Parish

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:
School Committee, New Bedford Public Schools: 2012-present

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

Please detail specific areas of expertise:
Public education, New Bedford School Committee

Please detail specific areas of interest:
Public education

Available for meetings in the daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since what year: **1942**

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Personnel Department, 133 William St., Room 212, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING
INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Signature of Applicant: **Joaquim B. Livramento**

Date: **8-13-2020**

August 3, 2020

Honorable Mayor Jon Mitchell
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Mayor Mitchell,

Please accept this letter as notice that I will be stepping down from the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee as of August 12, 2020.

I was honored to be appointed to this serve in this important capacity and accepted the role with hope I could carve out enough time to properly tend to my duties at GNBVT, on the New Bedford School Committee, in my professional obligations, other community boards, and most importantly, at home. You know I pride myself in being thorough, detail-oriented, and fully committed to going above and beyond in all these capacities.

Over the last few months, the pandemic has sharply increased the workload in virtually all of these areas, and an effective GNBVT School Committee member must expend considerable time and attention staying on top of important matters facing the district, which currently include managing a safe return in the fall, the beginnings of important negotiations with new bargaining units, and a looming superintendent search, on top of all the regular responsibilities of a School Committee member.

My primary consideration in making this decision is that my professional duties require me to attend my own organization's board meetings, which fall squarely into conflict with GNBVT's meetings. I am thankful my organization has been understanding and allowed me the flexibility to do both for the last year and a half, but the increased frequency, duration, and importance of these meetings requires more of me in the post-COVID world. In some cases, New Bedford School Committee and GNBVT School Committee meetings have also presented conflicts, and both boards deserve members who can give it their all.

While it was never my intention to depart before the end of my term at GNBVT, the time feels right to afford the next board member the opportunity to get in now, at the early stages of negotiations and prior to selection of the next leader of the district, rather than later. The next year or two will be pivotal in shaping the future of the school, and the next board member should be in it for the long haul. I am glad that I will be able to see GNBVT seniors cross the stage at graduation as one of my last events.

I appreciate your understanding and want to fully express my willingness to assist in the transition. I hope I can continue to contribute to GNBVT in other ways, and believe deeply in the school's mission and importance to our region.

Thank you,



Joshua Amaral