

**Town of Needham
Select Board
Special Meeting
Minutes for September 9th, 2025
Glavin Chapel
17 Babson College Drive
Wellesley, MA 02482**

8:00 a.m. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Select Board was convened by Chair Heidi Frail. Those present were Vice Chair Cathy Dowd, Marianne Cooley, Kevin Keane, Joshua Levy, and Town Manager Katie King. Also present were Babson President Stephen Spinelli and members of the Babson Senior Leadership Team:

- Ariel Armony, Provost and Executive Vice President
- Donna Bonaparte, Vice President, Human Resources
- Sadie Burton-Goss, Chief Inclusive Excellence Officer
- Caitlin Capozzi, Vice President for Learner Success and Dean of Campus Life
- Erin Carcia, Executive Director, Campus Safety and Chief of Police
- Ed Chiu, Governor Craig R. Benson Endowed Executive Vice President of Advancement
- Katherin Cravin, Executive Vice President, Administration
- Kate Deeb, Associate Vice President for Strategic Investments and Initiatives
- Michael Layish, Vice President and General Counsel
- Ruthanne Madsen, Vice President, Enrollment Management and Financial Aid
- Colleen Meader, Executive Assistant to the President
- Kerry Salerno, Vice President and CMO
- Donna Stoddard, Dean of the Faculty

President Spinelli provided the Board with a state of the college, including entrepreneurship, fundraising, capital planning, and the College's recent rank as the #2 college in the U.S. by the Wall Street Journal. He discussed recent approvals to construct a new Executive Lodge and Conference Center. There was discussion of the challenges some incoming international students faced securing required documentation to study in the U.S. Mr. Keane shared his appreciation that Babson offers the annual scholarship program to Needham students. President Spinelli expressed interest in ongoing collaboration with Needham.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:30 a.m.