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## Menino picks Nancy L. Girard as commissioner of Boston's Environment Department

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Nancy L. Girard has been picked as the new commissioner of the city of Boston's Environment Department, Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced in a statement.

Girard will join Menino's administration serving under the Mayor's Environment and Energy Services Cabinet and its Chief, Brian Swett, "leading its efforts to protect the city's built and natural environments and oversee policies and programs on environmental issues affecting Boston including climate action, historic sites, buildings, landscapes, and waterways," city officials said.

She has more than 20 years of experience in environmental, energy, municipal and land planning law, officials said

Before establishing her own practice, Girard was the director, vice president and senior attorney at the Conservation Law Foundation's New Hampshire Advocacy Center, officials said. She also worked for the State of New Hampshire's Fish and Game Department.

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Girard earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Amherst College. She earned a master of arts in International Studies, specialization in natural resource and environmental policy and a juris doctor from the University of Denver, officials said.

“Nancy will bring a fresh perspective and burst of energy to the Environment Department,” Menino said in a statement. “The City of Boston takes pride in being one of the greenest cities in the country and Nancy will undoubtedly further this legacy.”

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