



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

EQUITY, GENDER, FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - December 15, 2020, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone’s Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation.

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- 1. Approval of the November 4, 2020 Minutes**
- 2. 206647: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Hirsch, Clingan) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation express to DCR the importance of keeping public pools and water fountains open later in the season due to climate change.
- 3. 206854: Discuss** (Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Director of Health and Human Services work with the Public Schools to allow whole fruits to be saved for use as snacks, given that many children often go without snacks.
- 4. 208163: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration report to the Youth Services Committee the feasibility of adding a budget line to make school facilities more affordable for use by community groups by helping to cover custodial fees.
- 5. 208229: Discuss** (Clingan, Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation address the security breach at the Kennedy School pool by either assigning a door monitor

or locking the door and installing another system to monitor who comes and goes through the Sartwell Avenue door that leads directly to the pool area and into the school.

6. **208375: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Communications create an online and paper sign-up for any citywide event, to make it easy to email them the bus schedule and any other last-minute details.
7. **208573: Discuss** (Scott, Ballantyne) – That this City Council, In collaboration with the School Committee and the Administration, particularly the Director of Parks and the City Solicitor, draft a "Local Title IX" ordinance ensuring equal opportunity and spending on the basis of gender identity to athletic and academic programs offered by the City.
8. **209365: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Chief of Police review options relative to the School District's lock-down drills, and provide a description of times when the protocol was used in response to a threat.
9. **209473: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Administration update this Council on the teen snow shoveling program, including shoveler recruitment efforts and new income eligibility restrictions for enrollees.
10. **209786: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Somerville Education Foundation share their organizational priorities with this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Families and Vulnerable Populations.
11. **209796: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parks and Recreation arrange to have port-a-potties available at the public parks for the 2020 summer months.