



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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Thursday, September 19, 2024

7:00 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

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The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chair Strezo and adjourned at 9:13 PM with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilor Clingan, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, and Councilor Strezo) 0 opposed.

Others present:

Amanda Nagim-Williams - Director of Racial and Social Justice, Lisa Robinson - Director of Food Access and Healthy Communities, Luisa Oliveira - Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, Kelley Hiland - Deputy Director of Health and Human Services, Ashley Speliotis - Director of Council on Aging, Kimberley Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager

#### Roll Call

**Present:** City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld and Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee Meeting of December 11, 2023. [23-1823](#)  
Accepted

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee Meeting of May 15, 2024. [24-0708](#)  
Accepted

3. That the ADA Coordinator provide this Council with an update on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Task Force. [24-1005](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry provide this Council's Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations with an update on the inclusive playground swing project being worked on in collaboration with parent advocates. [24-0911](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Administration provide an update on the Braille embosser purchased in summer 2023, including its current location and the plan to put it to use. [24-0428](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan, Councilor Scott and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss with this Council how to serve residents through an ongoing transit equity program when the Taxi to Health program funding ends in October. [24-1032](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Director of Racial and Social Justice update this Council on policy proposals from the Anti-Violence Working Group convened last year. [24-0376](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- Equity - 2024-09-19 Memo 9.19.2024 AVWG (With 24-0376)
- Equity - 2024-09-19 Memo 9.19.24 ADA Transition (wth 24-1005)
- Equity - 2024-09-19 Memo 9.19.24 Braille Embosser (with 24-0428)