



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Legislative Matters Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Scott and adjourned at 7:53 pm with a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Davis, Mbah, Ewen-Campen and Scott), none opposed, and one absent (Councilor Strezo).

Councilor Strezo arrived at 6:09 pm.

Also present: Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Maria Teresa Nagel - Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs Director, Shumeane Benford - Somerville Police Chief, Brendan Salisbury - Legislative and Policy Analyst, Cindy Amara - City Solicitor and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

**Absent:** City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of May 5, 2026. [26-0859](#)  
Accepted  
**Aye:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of April 28, 2026. [26-0855](#)  
Accepted  
**Aye:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, City Councilor At Large Mbah, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Two City Councilor Scott
3. Proposing an amendment to Section 2-6 of the Code of Ordinances, the Welcoming Communities Ordinance, to further enhance civil rights protections in Somerville. [26-0522](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Link, Councilor Hardt,  
Councilor Scott and Councilor Clingan

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4. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances to establish a Rental Registry and Energy Disclosure.

[25-1822](#)

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