



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:30 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

This meeting was held in the Subcommittee Room and via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Strezo at 6:34 pm and adjourned at 8:12 pm on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Sait and Strezo), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Mbah).

Others present: Erica Satin-Hernandez - ARPA Director, Jenny Hsi – ARPA Program Manager, Kimberley Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Susan Yerkes - Parks and Recreation Director and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo, City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah and Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Meeting of April 16, 2025.

[25-0821](#)

Accepted

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

That the Administration discuss post-pilot plan considerations of the Guaranteed Basic Income pilot program.

[24-0418](#)

Kept in committee

That the Administration provide an update on plans for Universal Basic Income/Guaranteed Basic Income implementation and roll out.

[24-0074](#)

Kept in committee

That the Director of Parks and Recreation discuss in the Committee on Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations, the introduction of an ongoing middle school girls intramural hockey program.

[25-0117](#)

Kept in committee

That the Director of Parks and Recreation update this Council on the

[25-0072](#)

progress of conducting a representative, multi-lingual survey of the community to determine recreational programming needs.

Kept in committee

Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation conveying program and cost information related to item #25-0456, appropriation of \$160,000 from Free Cash to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink.

[25-0776](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Requesting the appropriation of \$160,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Department of Public Works Repairs to Buildings Account for fabrication and installation of courts at Founders Rink.

[25-0456](#)

Recommended to be placed on file

Aye: City Councilor At Large Strezo and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

Referenced Documents:

- Equity GBI Update 5.27.25 (with 24-0074)