



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

November 14, 2017

REPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maryann M. Heuston	Chair	Present	
Robert J. McWatters	Vice Chair	Present	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Alderman at Large	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six Alderman	Present	

Others present: Patrick Sullivan - SFD, Candace Cooper - Personnel, Vanessa Boukili - OSPCD, Annie Connor - Legislative Liaison, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees.

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Heuston and adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Approval of the September 28, 2017 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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203234: Requesting the appointment of Robert J. McGovern to the Licensing Commission.

This item was withdrawn.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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203895: Requesting the appointment of Sumayya Essack to the Commission for Women.

Ms. Essack said that after the events of last year, she felt the need to get more involved in the community and she sees this appointment as an opportunity to serve the community. As a daughter of immigrant parents, she feel that diversity is very important.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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204022: Requesting the appointment of Margaret Norcross-Devin to the Commission for Women.

Ms. Norcross-Devin said that she became aware of the position at a table event. She has worked in non-profit most of her life. She teaches girls at a young age that they have value and she would like to help women realize their desires. She talked about road blocks that are visible and invisible to women.

RESULT:

APPROVED

204023: Requesting the appointment of Patricha Paul to the Commission for Women.

Ms. Paul has been in Somerville for 9 years and is a she is a single mom to a 14 year daughter. She wants to show her daughter and others that you can be whatever you want to be. She wants to bring awareness to other single minority moms and let them know they can have a voice just as much as others.

RESULT:

APPROVED

204327: Requesting the appointment of Cristina Kennedy to the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Kennedy is a lifelong Massachusetts resident who has been in Somerville for 2 years. She has an environmental background, loves nature and wants to get involved in the community. Ms. Kennedy was questioned about possible conflicts of interest with her day job and she assured the committee that there would be no conflicts. Chairman Heuston advised Ms. Kennedy to consult with the City Solicitor should a question of conflict arise. Currently there are 7 members on the conservation commission, so Ms. Kennedy could recuse herself if necessary.

RESULT:

APPROVED

204563: Requesting the appointment of Eric Collins to the position of Fire Fighter.

Mr. Collins has been on the Fire Department's reserve list and will be graduating from the Fire Academy in March of 2018. He grew up in Somerville and his family still lives here. Mr. Collins said that he has a sense of duty and purpose and he wants to protect the community. He has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and spent time as an intern in the Somerville Police Department.

RESULT:

APPROVED

Handouts:

- Resume - S Essack (with 203895)
- Resume - M Norcross-Devin (with 204022)