



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Clingan and adjourned at 8:32 pm with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Davis and Clingan), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Commissioner Jill Lathan - DPW, Director Rich Raiche - Infrastructure and Asset Management, SPS Personnel Laura Pitone, Leiran Biton, Dr. Sarah Phillips, Chief of Staff Nikki Spencer, Chief of Staff Amara Anosike, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Director of Operations - Yani Tsirigotis, Bill Fisher - Director of Emergency Management and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait and Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Joint Meeting of June 10, 2025. [25-1136](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan, Ward Five City Councilor Sait and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

2. That the Administration submit to the City Council and School Committee, the city's contingency plan in the event of an emergency school closure during the 2025-2026 school year. [25-1231](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Parks and Recreation report to this Council on the cause of the chemical spill at the Ginny Smithers Pool and the process to address the cause of the spill and prevent a future occurrence. [25-1132](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

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4. That the Mayor create and make public specific plans that outline the full scope of the work necessary at the Cummings School, including capacity, time, and cost, to host Somerville Public School students in the event of an emergency, and provide regular updates to this Council on such plans until completed. [25-0906](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- Kept in committee
5. That the Administration develop a new process to address ongoing maintenance at the Ginny Smithers Pool and report to this Council to describe that process. [25-0729](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Davis
- Recommended to be marked work completed
6. That the Administration report to this Council on the cause of the reported chemical imbalance at the Ginny Smithers Pool and the process being used to address the imbalance. [25-0727](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Davis
- Recommended to be marked work completed
7. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management develop a Swing Space plan to accommodate Somerville Public Schools students to mitigate disruption to students, families, and staff while a school building is unavailable or during construction. [25-0234](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld
- Kept in committee
8. That the Administration provide the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance with regular updates about the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process for the Winter Hill and Brown Schools. [24-0466](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Davis
- Kept in committee
9. Conveying an update regarding work completed during Summer 2025 on Somerville Public Schools buildings. [25-1333](#)
- Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- SBFM 2025-09-15 Memo (with 25-1231)
- SBFM - 2025-09-15 Memo (with 24-0466).pdf
- SBFM - 2025-09-15 Updated Presentation (with 25-1333)
- SBFM 2025-09-15 Lifeguard Manual (with 25-0727 and 25-0729)
- SBFM 2025-09-15 Ginny Smithers Pool (with 25-0727, 25-0729, and 25-1132)