



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

November 26, 2013

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Vice Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Maureen Bastardi	Ward One Alderman	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Courtney O'Keefe	Ward Five Alderman	Absent	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	

194675 - That this Board approves a Home Rule Petition to amend Section 7 of Title 2 of Division 1 of the City Charter re: filling vacancies.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194849 - That the attached list of proposed methods for filling vacancies on this Board, with the exception of Method "F", be referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters for further action.:

Alderman Connolly's motion that At-Large vacancies be filled in a manner that mirrors the City of Boston's process, was approved.

Alderman Lafuente's motion that the process of filling vacancies in ward seats be changed, was approved.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195021 - Representative Provost submitting comments re: #194849, a proposal to amend the City Charter with respect to filling vacancies on this Board.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195838 - That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on the constitutionality of preventing an individual appointed to fill a vacancy on this Board from running for a full time seat on this Board.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195839 - That the City Solicitor explain how the state's ethics rules apply to members of this Board being appointed to city jobs.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195840 - That the City Solicitor report on the methods used by other communities, including the City of Boston, to fill vacancies in their legislative bodies.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195877 - Joe Lynch submitting comments re: #194675 and #194849, filling vacancies on this Board.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE