



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Gomez Mouakad at 6:02 p.m. and adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor (Councilors Davis, Clingan, Gomez Mouakad), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Matthew Bennett – Superintendent of Buildings, DPW; Jill Lathan – Commissioner of DPW; Neha Singh – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Chad Mazza – Assistant Superintendent, Somerville Public Schools; Laura Pitone – School Committee, Ward 5; Richard Raiche – Director of IAM; Sara Dion – School Committee, Ward 7; Emily Ackman – School Committee, Ward 1.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Beatriz Gomez Mouakad , Vice Chair Jesse Clingan and Lance L. Davis

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting of October 4, 2023. [23-1513](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Chairperson Gomez Mouakad, Vice Chair Clingan and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

### School Building - Feasibility Study

2. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the status of the School Building Systems Feasibility Study. [22-1528](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management deliver a study showing the steps to de-carbonize mechanical systems in existing school buildings as part of the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Feasibility Study, and assess potential grants and funding to help accelerate this process. [23-1738](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a list of schools that do not have solar panels, and a plan including potential grant and funding sources to install solar panels in those buildings following any roof repairs and replacements. [23-1739](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the status of the School Building Feasibility Study. [22-1527](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

6. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide quarterly reports to the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee on any major repairs and 311 work orders in school buildings. [22-1417](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

7. That the Administration work with the School Department to develop emergency plans for at-risk school relocation including, but not limited to, the Winter Hill Community Innovation School and the Benjamin Brown School. [23-0988](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

Communications

8. That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement create a regularly updated public-facing website dedicated to the Winter Hill Community Innovation School plan, with links to publicly filed documents. [23-1000](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Other

9. That the Director of Parks and Recreation provide an outdoor storage box at the Edgerly School for additional equipment. [23-1619](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management and the Director of Finance explain to this Council the steps and processes in the School Building Master Plan for a ballot vote on Proposition 2½ in reference to funding a School Building project. [23-1594](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

11. That the Administration provide an update on the Edgerly building kitchen equipment, and discuss the plan to serve the Winter Hill Community Innovation School youth and future city programs. [23-1511](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- SBFM - 2023-11-29 Responses (with 22-1528, 23-1511, 23-1739)
- SBFM - 2023-11-29 School and City Building Maintenance Summary ONGOING 11.28.23 (with 22-1417)