

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts**  
**Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

May 14, 2013, 7:30 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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

1. #194952 Call of the Roll.  
Roll Call

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

**CITATIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. #194908 140 registered voters requesting a public meeting before this Board on  
Public filling interim BOA vacancies, pursuant to Section 8 of the City Charter.  
Communication

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

The Board heard testimony from 9 citizens, and received 1 written communication.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. #194191 By Ald. Gewirtz  
Order That this Board consider a rules change to make the replacement of members of this Board subject to a time limited community review process when a vacancy occurs mid-term.

**RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED**

The attached Proposed BOA Rule for filling vacancies is Approved with one amendment.

**AMENDMENT:** The first sentence of paragraph 3 is amended to read, "Applicants who have complied with paragraph 2 above shall be invited to a meeting of the full Board, at which time all applicants will be given an opportunity to address the Board and respond to the same questions submitted by members of the Board and by the public as approved by the Board."

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**LATE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk