



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Ewen-Campen at 6:32 pm and adjourned at 8:41 pm on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Pineda Neufeld, Clingan, Strezo, McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

Others present: Shumeane Benford - Police Chief, Charles Femino - Public Safety Consultant for the Housing Authority, Amanda Nagim-Williams - Director of the Department of Racial and Social Justice, Kimberley Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Kristen Strezo and Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Meeting of April 30, 2025. [25-0872](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

2. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Salma Kazmi to the Human Rights Commission. [25-0656](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward Three City Councilor Strezo and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

3. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jovana Calvillo to the Human Rights Commission. [25-0653](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Nay: Ward Three City Councilor Strezo

4. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Sean Browne as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer. [25-0404](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo and Ward Four City Councilor Clingan

Absent: Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

5. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Michael De Bethencourt as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer. [25-0403](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alfred William Rymill III as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer. [25-0402](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

7. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Dylan Lambert to the position of Police Sergeant. [25-0900](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

8. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eli Kim to the position of Police Lieutenant. [25-0899](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

9. That this City Council convene in Executive Session with relevant [25-0757](#)

departments, to discuss the interaction between the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Racial and Social Justice Department and to receive an update on what steps and goals have been established to resolve the disconnect between both parties.

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld