



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Legislative Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:03pm and adjourned at 7:05pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Strezo, Ewen-Campen, Scott and Davis), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Mbah).

Others present: Ellen Shachter - Director of Housing Stability, Morena Zelaya - Housing Policy Coordinator, Brendan Salisbury - Legislative Policy Analyst, Joseph Theall - Housing Counsel, Neha Singh - Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Cindy Amara - City Solicitor and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

Absent: City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of May 13, 2025. [25-0950](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

2. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 7-64 and 7-65 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce displacement of tenants and update relocation payments. [25-1044](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Absent: City Councilor At Large Mbah

3. That the Director of Housing assist this Council in drafting changes to the [24-1740](#)

Condominium Conversion Ordinance to enable the Condominium Review Board to fulfill its intended function and prevent circumvention of tenant's rights.

Sponsors: Councilor Scott, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the City Solicitor discuss with this Council whether elements of Boston's proposed Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers could be used to disincentivize mopeds on the community path. [25-0256](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Kept in committee

5. Chris Dwan submitting comments re: Urban Forestry Committee recommendations. [25-0077](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Economic Development present to this Council a plan to ensure compliance with Section 8-18 of the Code of Ordinances. [25-0154](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed