



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Public Health and Public Safety Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, June 9, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair McLaughlin and adjourned at 7:06 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Pineda Neufeld, Davis and McLaughlin), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Director William Fisher – Emergency Management, Chief Shumeane Benford – SPD, Director Hanna O'Halloran – Homeless Services, Director Karin Carroll – Health and Human Services, Kimberly Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Councilor Davis was appointed to replace Councilor Clingan as a member of the committee for this meeting only.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld and Lance L. Davis

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of March 19, 2025. [25-0522](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Davis

2. That the Administration update this Council on the report and recommendations of the Davis Square Public Safety Working Group. [25-0986](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Inspectional Services appear before this Council to discuss recent changes to business permitting in relation to "risk categorization" and the impact they may have on businesses. [25-0923](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Inspectional Services enforce Section 11-111 of the Code of Ordinances - Registration and maintenance of vacant property, in light of the recent collapse of 316 Somerville Avenue. [25-0379](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Chief of Police consider installing emergency call boxes in key city locations, including Davis Square. [25-0230](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Health and Human Services, Director of Housing, and Director of Housing Stability update this City Council regularly on progress towards addressing homelessness. [25-0087](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee

7. That the Administration update this Council on the status of the \$528,218 received from the national opioid settlement fund to combat drug addiction and of any plans to utilize said funds. [25-0473](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2025-06-09 Joint Memo 6.9.25 (with 25-0087)
- PHPS - 2025-06-09 Opioid Funds Memo (with 25-0473)
- PHPS - 2025-06-09 VPO Enforcement Memo (with 25-0379)
- PHPS - 2025-06-09 Risk Categorization Memo (with 25-0923)
- PHPS - 2025-06-09 DSPS Shared Community Expectations (with 25-0986)