



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Public Health and Public Safety Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, February 13, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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Others present: Karin Carroll – Director of Health and Human Services, Neha Singh - Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

President Ewen-Campen appointed Councilor Burnley to replace Councilor McLaughlin on the Committee, for this meeting only.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Kelly and adjourned at 8:06 PM on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Burnley and Kelly), none against and 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Charlotte Kelly, Vice Chair Lance L. Davis and Willie Burnley Jr.

1. Approval of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Minutes of January 23, 2023. [23-0150](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Chairperson Kelly, Vice Chair Davis and Burnley Jr.

2. Supporting the Eradication of Medical Debt. [23-0079](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Health and Human Services update this Council on the progress toward a Safe Consumption Site and provide a timeline for establishment. [23-0166](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Wilson, Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Davis, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Health and Human Services and the City Solicitor report to this Council on steps that may be taken to address the reports of spiked drinks in the region, including whether the city can require restaurants and bars to post warning signage, encourage vigilance, and detail the criminal consequences for tampering with another patron's beverage.

[22-1201](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

PHPS - 2023-02-13 Government Initiatives Presentation (with 23-0079)