



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, April 14, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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#### **Joint Meeting with the School Committee's School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee**

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Davis and adjourned at 7:32 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Wilson and Davis), none against and none absent.

President Pineda Neufeld appointed Councilor Wilson to replace Councilor Clingan as a member of the committee for this meeting only.

Others present:

Director Sue Yerkes – Parks and Recreation, Commissioner Jill Lathan – DPW, Superintendent Nick Antanavica – ISD, SPS Personnel Laura Pitone, Leiran Biton, Dr. Sarah Phillips, Danielle Berry - Facilities Transportation and Safety Coordinator, Yasmine Raddassi – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

The Committee recessed from 6:06 – 6:07 PM to allow the SPS Committee to be called to order.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait and Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting of March 31, 2025. [25-0659](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Five City Councilor Sait and Wilson

2. That the Commissioner of Public Works work with relevant city staff to develop a prioritization and tracking system of 311 requests to maintain optimal school building conditions and proactively address potential concerns. [25-0233](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on the process by which Ginny Smithers Pool patrons are promptly notified of pool cancellations or schedule changes, including any modifications that could be made to that process in light of the March 2025 temporary pool closure. [25-0466](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on the continued closure of Ginny Smithers Sanders Pool and address the lack of communication with users of the pool. [25-0642](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Sait, Councilor Wilson and Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Administration report to this Council on the cause of the reported chemical imbalance at the Ginny Smithers Pool and the process being used to address the imbalance. [25-0727](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

6. That the Administration develop a new process to address ongoing maintenance at the Ginny Smithers Pool and report to this Council to describe that process. [25-0729](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

7. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update and timeline for repairs to damaged play structures at the Capuano Early Education Center schoolyard. [25-0602](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Commissioner of Public Works plant natural turf in the muddy greenspace area at the Capuano Early Education Center in advance of the May 3 Family Fun Day celebration for the Capuano's 20th anniversary. [25-0603](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- SBFM - 2025-04-14 Memo Response Ginny Smithers Pool (with 25-0466, 25-0642, 25-0727, 25-0729)