



**City of Somerville,
Massachusetts
Public Health and Public Safety
Committee
Meeting Minutes Dispositions**

Monday, May 15, 2023

7:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Kelly at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Davis, Kelly), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Karin Carroll – Director of Health & Human Services; Neha Singh – Legislative Liaison; Lisa Robinson – Director of Food Access & Healthy Communities.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Charlotte Kelly, Vice Chair Lance L. Davis and Matthew McLaughlin

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of April 4, 2023. [23-0529](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Kelly, Vice Chair Davis and Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

2. That the Chief of Police provide this Council with a report containing the information requested within for all incidents where a firearm was discharged since January 1, 2018. [23-0608](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson and Councilor Clingan

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3. That the Chief of Police report to this Council, the percentage of requested traffic details for construction projects that have been filled by Somerville Police Department officers, filled by non-Somerville police officers, and unfilled, for the past three years. [22-2111](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Wilson

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4. That the Director of Food Access & Healthy Communities provide this [22-1760](#)

Council with a report on the Taxi to Health program.

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Administration update this Council on plans to establish a Community Engagement Center. [22-1687](#)

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

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Health and Human Services take steps to install emergency contraception dispensers in designated city bathrooms. [22-1529](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Administration update this Council on the progress and timeline for establishing a safe consumption site. [23-0796](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis and Councilor McLaughlin

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Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2023-05-15 SPD Memo (with 22-2111)
- PHPS - 2023-05-15 Firearm Discharges and Arrests (with 23-0608)