



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

6:00 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

This meeting was held in-person and virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Strezo and adjourned at 7:27 pm with a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Sait and Strezo), none opposed, and one absent (Councilor Link).

Others present: Ellen Shachter - Office of Housing Stability Director, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison, Alanna Gaffny - Deputy Director of Housing, Shannon Lawler Fair Housing and Inclusionary Housing Program Specialist and Delaney Fisher-Cassioli - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

Present: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait and City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

Absent: City Councilor At Large Jon Link

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee Meeting of January 28, 2026. [26-0260](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Five City Councilor Sait and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Absent: City Councilor At Large Link

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee Meeting of March 4, 2026. [26-0374](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Five City Councilor Sait and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Absent: City Councilor At Large Link

3. That the Director of Office of Housing Stability discuss the current status of residents facing displacement and the number of households seeking rental assistance. [26-0050](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Housing report to this Council how many new housing units have been approved for development, year-by-year, since adoption of SomerVision 2040, and of those numbers, how many are permanently affordable, and how the department defines affordability.

[26-0049](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. Fair Housing Commission conveying the FY 2024 Annual Report pursuant to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances.

[26-0141](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- HCDE - 2026-04-15 Memo (with 26-0049)
- HCDE - 2026-04-15 Memo (with 26-0050)
- HCDE - 2024-04-15 Presentation (with 26-0141)