



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

Monday, February 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Kelly at 6:01 pm and adjourned at 8:52 pm with a roll call vote of all in favor (Councilor Wilson, Councilor Davis, and Chair Kelly), none opposed, and none absent.

Councilor McLaughlin was unable to attend, and President Ewen-Campen named Councilor Wilson to serve in his place.

Others present: Neha Singh – Mayor’s Office, Jim Vetter – Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for Massachusetts, Tobin Rodriguez – Boston Medical Center, Lauren Leone, Patricia Contente – SPD, Sean Donovan, Stephanie Guirand – Cambridge HEART, Andrew Dameron – City and County of Denver, Earl Miller – CRESS, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Charlotte Kelly, Vice Chair Lance L. Davis and Jake Wilson

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting of February 13, 2023. **23-0248**

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Kelly, Vice Chair Davis and Wilson

Presentation

- 2. That this Council discuss alternative emergency response methods with local mental health care providers. **23-0278**

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

Update

- 3. That the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Community Outreach, Help and Recovery appear before the Public Health **22-1373**

and Public Safety Committee to discuss an alternative emergency response program.

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Burnley Jr.

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Discussion

4. That this Council discuss alternative emergency response and/or other non-police emergency response methods that other municipalities have pursued. [23-0279](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Kelly, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

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Referenced Documents:

- PHPS - 2023-02-27 2022 STAR Report 2 final (with #22-1373, 23-0278, 23-0279)
- PHPS - 2023-02-27 AER in Somerville (with 22-1373, 23-0278, 23-0279)
- PHPS - 2023-02-27 COHR (with 22-1373)
- PHPS - 2023-02-23 Somerville City Council - TBR Presentation (with 22-1373, 23-0278, 23-0279)
- PHPS - 2023-02-27 WellPower STAR Annual Report 2022 (with 22-1373, 23-0278, 23-0279)