



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

November 12, 2013

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Vice Chair	Absent	
John M Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Absent	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Maureen Bastardi	Ward One Alderman	Absent	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Present	
Courtney O'Keefe	Ward Five Alderman	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Ward Seven Alderman	Absent	
Dennis M. Sullivan	Alderman At Large	Present	

- Public Hearing regarding filling appointments on the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman White's motion that the City Solicitor provide an opinion on the constitutionality of preventing an individual appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Aldermen from running for a full time seat on that Board, was approved.

Alderman Heuston's motion that the City Solicitor explain the impact of the state's ethics rules as they apply to members of the Board of Aldermen being appointed to city jobs, was approved.

Alderman Sullivan's motion that the City Solicitor report on the methods used by other communities, including the City of Boston, to fill vacancies in their legislative bodies, was approved.

194675 - That this Board approves a Home Rule Petition to amend Section 7 of Title 2 of Division 1 of the City Charter re: filling vacancies.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194849 - That the attached list of proposed methods for filling vacancies on this Board, with the exception of Method "F", be referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters for further action.:

RESULT:

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195021 - Representative Provost submitting comments re: #194849, a proposal to amend the City Charter with respect to filling vacancies on this Board.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

195742 - That the Chair of the Legislative Matters Committee work with the Administration to advertise a public hearing for Nov. 12 at 6 PM, regarding filling vacancies on this Board (#194675 & #194849), noting that the measure would necessitate a change to the City Charter.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED