



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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Wednesday, October 4, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

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Joint Meeting with the School Committee's Finance and Facilities Subcommittee.

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Gomez Mouakad at 6:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor (Councilors Davis, Clingan, Gomez Mouakad), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Matthew Bennett – Superintendent of Buildings, DPW; Jill Lathan – Commissioner of DPW; Neha Singh – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Richard Raiche – Director of IAM; Laura Pitone – School Committee, Ward 5; Sara Dion – School Committee, Ward 7; and Ruben Carmona – Superintendent of Schools.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Beatriz Gomez Mouakad , Vice Chair Jesse Clingan and Lance L. Davis

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee meeting of June 28, 2023. [23-1139](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Chairperson Gomez Mouakad, Vice Chair Clingan and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

### School Building - Feasibility Study

2. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the status of the School Building Systems Feasibility Study. [22-1528](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the status of the School Building Feasibility Study. [22-1527](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Strezo  
Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Capital Projects provide this Council with a printed timeline for the reconstruction of a new Winter Hill Community School. [23-1359](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Recommended to be marked work completed

School Buildings - Maintenance

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide quarterly reports to the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee on any major repairs and 311 work orders in school buildings. [22-1417](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad  
Kept in committee

6. That the Director of Capital Projects provide this Council with a printed timeline for the reconstruction of a new Winter Hill Community School. [23-1359](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Clingan and Councilor Ewen-Campen  
Kept in committee

7. That the Administration develop a five-year assessment plan for school building systems and structures for all schools over five years old, to ensure proper funding is in place for capital repairs and to ensure the safety and uninterrupted operation of schools. [23-0992](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson  
Recommended to be marked work completed

Communications

8. That the Director of Communications and Community Engagement create a regularly updated public-facing website dedicated to the Winter Hill Community Innovation School plan, with links to publicly filed documents. [23-1000](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo  
Kept in committee

9. That the Administration publish yearly on the city website, a list of ongoing school repairs and improvements, similar to that posted by Chelsea Public Schools, and provide a yearly report to the City Council of such repairs and improvements before and after completion. [23-0993](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

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