



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, March 30, 2026

6:30 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Mbah at 6:32 p.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 5 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Hardt, Link, Ewen-Campen, Mbah), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Councilor Link joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Others present:

Shumeane Benford – Police Chief; Amanda Nagim-Williams – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Kimberly Wells – City Clerk; Michael Potere – Assistant City Clerk - Vital Records and Licensing.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Two City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Emily Hardt, City Councilor At Large Jon Link, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Meeting of February 2, 2026. [26-0261](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Mbah

2. Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Ashley Catatao to the position of Police Sergeant. [26-0322](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Mbah

3. Requesting confirmation of the promotion of Courtney Reece to the position of Police Sergeant. [26-0321](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Mbah

4. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James Plotkin as Municipal Hearing Officer. [26-0024](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Mbah

5. That this City Council appoints Jessica Smith to the Public Financing of Campaigns Committee. [26-0340](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Mbah

Absent: City Councilor At Large Link

6. That this City Council appoints James Leo Bedard to the Ranked Choice Voting Committee. [26-0341](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Mbah

7. That this City Council appoints Crystal Huff to the Ranked Choice Voting Committee. [26-0342](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Two City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Seven City Councilor Hardt, City Councilor At Large Link, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and City Councilor At Large Mbah