



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

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

The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Davis and adjourned at 7:57 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait and Clingan and Davis), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Leiran Biton - School Committee, Dr. Sarah Phillips - School Committee, Luara Pitone - School Committee, Dr. Rubén Carmona - Superintendent of Somerville Public Schools, Amara Anosike – Chief of Staff – SPS, Richard Raiche – Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Jill Lathan – Commissioner of Public Works, Neha Singh – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting of May 29, 2024. [24-0887](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

2. That the Administration provide the Special Committee on School Building Facilities and Maintenance with regular updates about the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process for the Winter Hill and Brown Schools. [24-0466](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an [24-1284](#)

update on the Construction Advisory Group for the planned construction project to replace the Winter Hill and Brown schools.

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on efforts to eliminate rat infiltration in school buildings. [24-1285](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Kept in committee

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss use restrictions in place for Somerville Public School athletic teams at Reavis field. [24-1286](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Kept in committee

6. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update about the functionality of public address, or PA, systems at multiple Somerville Public School buildings. [24-1287](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Kept in committee

7. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on repairs to damaged play structures at the Capuano Early Education Center schoolyard. [24-1288](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Kept in committee

8. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide an update on the reliability and repairs of the elevator(s) at the Winter Hill and Edgerly Schools. [24-1289](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld and Councilor Ewen-Campen
Kept in committee

9. That the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on plans to minimize the timing impacts of future closures of the Ginny Smithers Sanders Pool for periodic maintenance. [24-1301](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Sait

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- SBFM - 2024-09-25 Process Update for Somerville CAG mtg (with 24-1284)
- SBFM - 2024-09-25 Memo 9.26.24 - DPW (with 24-1285, 24-1287, 24-1288, 24-1289, 24-1301)