



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

Joint Meeting with the School Committee's School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chair Clingan and adjourned at 7:46 pm with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Davis and Clingan), none opposed, and none absent.

Others present: Director Rich Raiche - Infrastructure and Asset Management, Christine Blais - Office of Sustainability and Environment Director, Danielle Barry - Facilities, Safety and Transportation Coordinator, Laura Pitone - Somerville Public Schools Personnel, Leiran Biton - School Committee Chair, Dr. Sarah Phillips - School Committee Member, Yasmine Raddassi - Legislative Liaison and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

Roll Call

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting of September 15, 2025. [25-1454](#)

Accepted

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

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

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on when the school buildings maintenance project website will be available to the public. [25-1355](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Administration release the report on the School Department composting pilot program and that the Commissioner of Public Works update this Council on any plans to re-introduce composting in the schools. [25-1356](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Mbah and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Commissioner of Public Works provide information regarding the installation, safety and accessibility of a railing on the concrete stairs between the play structures and the soccer field at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School playground. [25-1422](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Administration inform this Council of the process, action and communication used to consider acquiring the closed school building privately owned by the Archdiocese of Boston, on Thurston Street, after the Winter Hill Community Innovation School was deemed unsuitable for use. [25-1438](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Director of Health and Human Services inform this Council which school buildings have menstrual products available and which school buildings have inoperable menstrual product dispensers and when they are scheduled to be replaced. [25-1455](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson and Councilor Sait

Kept in committee

8. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide an update on the condition of the High School building exterior tiles, and efforts to prevent and mitigate future tile failures. [25-1517](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- SBFM - 2025-10-28 Memo (with 25-1356)
- SBFM - 2025-10-28 Memo Response (with 25-1422)
- SBFM - 2025-10-28 Memo Response (with 25-1455)