



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Pineda Neufeld at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 5 in favor (Councilors Wilson, Strezo, Burnley, Clingan, Pineda Neufeld), 0 opposed, 0 absent.

### Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison; Adrienne Pomeroy – ADA Coordinator, Department of Racial and Social Justice; Francis Golden – Chief Assessor; Christine Blais – Director, Office of Sustainability and Environment; Christopher Spicer – Co-Commissioner, Somerville Human Rights Commission; Richard Scanlon – Candidate for Appointment to the Board of Assessors; Michael Flynn – Candidate for Appointment to the Board of Assessors; Alexis Washburn -Candidate for Appointment to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change; M. Michael Shaps – Candidate for Appointment to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities; Nick Altschuller – Candidate for Appointment to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities; Sheila Tracy – Candidate for Appointment to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities; Murshid Buwembo – Candidate for Appointment to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities; Laurie Brandt – Candidate for Appointment to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities; Ingrid Schneider – Candidate for Appointment to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities; Helen Corrigan – Candidate for Appointment to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Judy Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Jesse Clingan, Willie Burnley Jr., Kristen Strezo and Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee of the Whole Meeting, of November 30, 2023. [23-1774](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

2. Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Richard Scanlon to the Board of Assessors. [23-1633](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

3. Requesting confirmation of the reappointment of Michael Flynn to the Board of Assessors. [23-1631](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

4. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alexis Washburn to the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change. [23-1763](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

5. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of M. Michael Shaps to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. [23-1771](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

6. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nick Altschuller to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. [23-1770](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

7. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sheila Tracy to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. [23-1769](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

8. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Murshid Buwembo to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. [23-1768](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

9. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Laurie Brandt to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. [23-1767](#)

Kept in committee

10. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ingrid Schneider to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. [23-1766](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

11. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Helen Corrigan to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. [23-1765](#)

Recommended to be approved

**Aye:** Chairperson Pineda Neufeld, Vice Chair Clingan, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr., City Councilor At Large Strezo and City Councilor At Large Wilson

12. That the Director of Racial and Social Justice present an update to this Council on efforts to hire an Executive Director for the Human Rights Commission. [22-1597](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Kelly

Recommended to be marked work completed