



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## City Council Legislative Matters Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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**Monday, October 20, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

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This meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Scott and adjourned at 6:12 pm with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Davis, Ewen-Campen and Scott), none opposed and two absent (Councilors Strezo and Mbah)

Others present: Angela Allen - Chief Procurement Officer, Brendan Salisbury - Legislative and Policy Analyst, Cynthia Amara - City Solicitor and Delaney Fisher-Cassiol - Clerk of Committees

#### Roll Call

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| <b>Present:</b> | Ward Two City Councilor Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis |
| <b>Absent:</b>  | City Councilor At Large Wilfred N. Mbah and City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo                                                          |

1. Committee Minutes  
(ID # [25-1547](#))

Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of September 30, 2025.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b><u>ACCEPTED</u></b>                                                                                 |
| <b>AYE:</b>    | Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and Ward Six City Councilor Davis |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | City Councilor At Large Mbah and City Councilor At Large Strezo                                        |

2. Mayor's Request  
(ID # [25-1407](#))

Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to raise the sound business practices and written quote contract thresholds under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B for city contracts with certified disadvantaged businesses.

Chief Procurement Officer Angela Allen explained that the City Solicitor and the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs collaborated to prepare the redlined updates in the document titled *Legislative Matters - 2025-10-20 HRP-Procurement (Amended) (with 25-1407)*. These revisions provide greater flexibility by allowing consideration of certifications from other states or agencies outside of Boston or Massachusetts. They also clarify the language and address previous concerns raised by the City Clerk. Councilor Davis noted that the updates offer helpful clarification and stated that he is ready to move forward.

**Chair Scott moved to accept the amendments in the document**

**Legislative Matters - 2025-10-20 HRP-Procurement (Amended) (with 25-1407). The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Davis, Ewen-Campen and Scott), 0 opposed and 2 absent (Councilors Strezo and Mbah).**

**RESULT:** **RECOMMENDED TO BE APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**AYE:** Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen and Ward Six City Councilor Davis

**ABSENT:** City Councilor At Large Mbah and City Councilor At Large Strezo

Referenced Documents:

- Legislative Matters - 2025-10-20 HRP-Procurement (Amended) (with 25-1407)