



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Rules Special Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, September 12, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

Others present: Brendan Salisbury – Legislative and Policy Analyst, Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Burnley and adjourned at 7:04 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Davis and Burnley), none against and 0 absent.

Roll Call

Present: Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis and City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.

1. That this Council consider a rule that any item submitted to the Council requiring significant presentation materials must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance, lest it be laid on the table until the following meeting of the City Council. [22-0021](#)

Sponsors: Willie Burnley, Jr.

Kept in committee

2. That the Administration provide paper copies for any reports before this Council for approval, unless Councilors have opted-out. [22-0162](#)

Sponsors: Kristen Strezo

Recommended to be placed on file

3. That this Council amend its rules to include gender neutral language rather than gender binary language such as "he/she". [22-0502](#)

Sponsors: Willie Burnley, Jr. and Jake Wilson and Lance Davis

Recommended to be placed on file

4. That this Council amend Rule 31 to remove the mention of a mandatory prayer at the beginning of each Council meeting. [22-0503](#)

Sponsors: Willie Burnley, Jr.

Recommended to be placed on file