



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 6:01 PM by Vice Chair Clingan and adjourned at 7:32 PM on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Sait and Clingan and Davis), none against and 1 absent (Councilor Davis).

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, Kimberly Hutter – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Approved

Present: Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

Absent: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting of March 25, 2024.

[24-0409](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

Absent: 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

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3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a report to the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee with a risk assessment identifying and analyzing major risks to projects the department is currently overseeing. [24-0534](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen
Recommended to be marked work completed
4. That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Administration discuss with the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee, the status of science lab spaces at Somerville Public Schools and what is being done to safely reopen any closed lab features following a gas leak reported at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. [24-0535](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen
Recommended to be marked work completed
5. That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss with the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee, the installation of a floor cover for the gymnasium at Somerville High School to prevent damage to the floor and to expand the gym's usability to non-athletic events. [24-0536](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen
Recommended to be marked work completed
6. That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee on the timeline and progress toward installing water and electrical access at the Benjamin G. Brown School schoolyard. [24-0537](#)
- Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen
Recommended to be marked work completed