



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Charter Review Special Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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#### Committee of the Whole

This meeting was called to order by Chair Scott at 6:01 pm and adjourned at 8:05 pm on a Roll Call Vote of 11 in favor (Councilors Mbah, Wilson Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Burnley, Sait, Strezo, Clingan, Davis, Pineda Neufeld, Scott), 0 opposed.

Chair Scott noted that Councilor Sait was unable to attend due to hosting a Ward 5 neighborhood meeting. Councilor Sait arrived at 6:40 pm.

Others present: Neha Singh – Intergovernmental Affairs Director; Brendan Salisbury – Legislative and Policy Analyst; Kimberly Wells – City Clerk

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Wilfred N. Mbah, Jake Wilson, Ben Ewen-Campen, Matthew McLaughlin, Willie Burnley Jr., Naima Sait, Kristen Strezo, Jesse Clingan, Lance L. Davis, Judy Pineda Neufeld and Jefferson Thomas (J.T.) Scott

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Charter Review Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 29, 2024. [24-1599](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Mbah, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Burnley Jr., Strezo, Clingan, Davis, Pineda Neufeld and Scott

**Absent:** Wilson and Sait

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Charter Review Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 13, 2024. [24-1632](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Mbah, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Burnley Jr., Strezo, Clingan, Davis, Pineda Neufeld and Scott

**Absent:** Wilson and Sait

3. Conveying recommendations on Charter reform. [24-1308](#)

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. Proposing a Home Rule Petition to establish a charter for the City of [25-0482](#)

Somerville.

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be approved as amended

**Aye:** Mbah, Wilson, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Burnley Jr., Sait, Strezo, Clingan, Davis, Pineda Neufeld and Scott

Referenced Documents:

- Charter Review - 2025-03-18 HRP Charter Revision - Highlighted (with 25-0482)
- Charter Review - 2025-03-18 Review Process and Recommendations (with 25-0482)