



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Legislative Matters Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:03pm and adjourned at 7:38pm on a roll call vote of 5 in favor (Councilors Strezo, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

The committee recessed at 7:03pm and re-convened at 7:08pm on a roll call vote of 5 present (Councilors Strezo, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis).

Others present: David Shapiro - Deputy City Solicitor, Brendan Salisbury - Legislative and Policy Analyst, Neha Singh - Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Meredith Gamble - Deputy Director of SOIA and Language Justice Coordinator, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

#### Roll Call

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of November 19, 2024. [24-1679](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Two City Councilor Scott, Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, City Councilor At Large Mbah and City Councilor At Large Strezo

2. Reaffirming Somerville's commitment as a Sanctuary and Trust Act City for justice, equity, and inclusion. [24-1604](#)

Recommended to be placed on file

3. Reaffirming Somerville's commitment as a Welcoming Community for justice, equity, and inclusion. [24-1682](#)

Kept in committee

4. Amending Sections 9-31 through 9-44 of the Code of Ordinances to support the end of wage theft. [24-1754](#)  
Kept in committee
5. City Council Legislative and Policy Analyst conveying the City Clerk's Office Manual on Legislative Drafting. [25-0022](#)  
Recommended to be marked work completed
6. That the Administration work to establish a Language Access Ordinance to codify constituents' right to timely, meaningful, and culturally competent language access services. [24-1603](#)  
Recommended to be marked work completed