



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Thursday, February 6, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

Joint Meeting with the School Committee's School Building Facilities and Maintenance Committee

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Davis.
The committee adjourned from 6:07 PM to 6:08 PM to allow the School side to begin their meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Clingan and Davis),
none against and none absent.

Others present:

Somerville Public School staff: Laura Pitone, Leiran Biton, Superintendent Ruben Carmona, Dr. Sarah Phillips and Amara Anosike.

City staff: Director Richard Raiche – Infrastructure and Asset Management, Commissioner Jill Lathan – Public Works, Director Anna Gartsman - SomerStat, Director Neha Singh – Intergovernmental Affairs, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Six City Councilor Lance L. Davis, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee Meeting of November 18, 2024. [24-1678](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Six City Councilor Davis, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Five City Councilor Sait

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

3. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management update this Council on the timeline for constructing a new school building. [25-0063](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a timeline and update on the creation of a production kitchen at the Argenziano School. [24-1595](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management provide a timeline and update for installation of a new classroom on the third-floor atrium at the Argenziano School. [24-1594](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Engineering report to this Council on the failure of the boiler at the Brown School and the short- and long-term plans to address heating for the building. [25-0071](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Sait and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Director of Parking allow public use of school parking lots during snow storms. [25-0094](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Administration immediately withdraw the School Building Community Feedback Survey, released this morning, regarding the replacement of the Winter Hill and, potentially, Brown School. [25-0157](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed