



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Housing, Community Development and Equity Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

6:00 PM Committee Room and Remote Participation

This meeting was held in the Committee Room and via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Strezo at 6:01 pm and adjourned at 7:13 pm on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Link, and Strezo.), 0 opposed, and 0 absent.

Councilor Sait joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Others present: Director of Economic Development – Rachel Nadkarni, Deputy Director of Economic Development – Dana Whiteside, Senior Planner – Women and Minority Business Support – Adriana Fernandes, Director for Health and Human Services – Karin Carrol, Executive Liaison - Public – Jesse Moos, Assistant City Clerk – Legislative Services – Madalyn Letellier.

Roll Call

Present: City Councilor At Large Jon Link and City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo

Absent: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Gender, Seniors, Families and Vulnerable Populations Committee Meeting of May 27, 2025. [25-1041](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Link and City Councilor At Large Strezo

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting of November 18, 2025. [25-1778](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Link and City Councilor At Large Strezo

3. That the Administration collaborate with East Somerville Main Streets and the Ward 1 City Councilor to promote Eat Out in East to support East Somerville immigrant-owned businesses. [26-0058](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Health and Human Services discuss the findings from the recent U.S. Surgeon General Advisory on the Mental Health and Well-Being of Parents and its recommendations to better support parents and caregivers.

[26-0083](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

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5. That the Director of Housing report to this Council how many new housing units have been approved for development, year-by-year, since adoption of SomerVision 2040, and of those numbers, how many are permanently affordable, and how the department defines affordability.

[26-0049](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

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