



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Ewen-Campen at 6:02 pm and adjourned at 7:55 pm on a roll call vote of 4 in favor (Councilors Pineda Neufeld, Clingan, Strezo, and Ewen-Campen), 0 opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor McLaughlin).

Councilor Strezo joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Others present: Sarah Lewis - Senior Planner, Amanda Nagim-Williams - Director of Racial and Social Justice, Kimberley Hutter - Legislative Liaison, Cindy Amara - City Solicitor, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Jesse Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward Three City Councilor Kristen Strezo

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee Meeting of April 8, 2025. [25-0759](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin

2. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Paola Mendez to the Human Rights Commission. [25-0657](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Nay: Ward Three City Councilor Strezo

3. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Salma Kazmi to the [25-0656](#)

Human Rights Commission.

Kept in committee

4. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Suelin Chen to the Human Rights Commission. [25-0655](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Nay: Ward Three City Councilor Strezo

5. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Primrose Chareka to the Human Rights Commission. [25-0654](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

6. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jovana Calvillo to the Human Rights Commission. [25-0653](#)

Kept in committee

7. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Martin Pavlinic to the Urban Design Commission. [25-0732](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Ward One City Councilor McLaughlin, Ward Three City Councilor Strezo, Ward Four City Councilor Clingan and Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld

8. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Sean Browne as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer. [25-0404](#)

Kept in committee

9. Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Michael De Bethencourt as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer. [25-0403](#)

Kept in committee

10. Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Alfred William Rymill III as Somerville Housing Authority Police Officer. [25-0402](#)

Kept in committee

11. That this City Council convene in Executive Session with relevant departments, to discuss the interaction between the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Racial and Social Justice Department and to receive an update on what steps and goals have been established to resolve the disconnect between both parties.

[25-0757](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

Referenced Documents:

- CAPM - 2025-04-30 SHA Memo re SHA Police 4-28-2025_Redacted (with 25-0404, 25-0403, 25-0402)