



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## School Building Facilities and Maintenance Special Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, March 31, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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#### **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 6:02 PM by Chair Davis and adjourned at 7:59 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Clingan and Davis), none against and none absent.

Others present:

SPS Personnel Laura Pitone, Leiran Biton, Dr. Sarah Phillips, Dr. Ruben Carmona, Director Rich Raiche – IAM, Environmental Health Manager Colin Zeigler – ISD, Director Nick Antanavica - Inspectional Services, Yasmine Raddassi – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

The Committee recessed from 6:04 – 6:05 PM to allow the SPS Committee to be called to order.

#### **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 March 3, 2025. [25-0408](#)

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 work with a consultant to provide this Council with the renovation cost of the Cummings School building. [25-0489](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Sait and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Parks and Recreation report on the process by which Ginny Smithers Pool patrons are promptly notified of pool cancellations or schedule changes, including any modifications that could be made to that process in light of the March 2025 temporary pool closure. [25-0466](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of Inspectional Services discuss the metrics for measuring the effectiveness of rodent mitigation strategies in Somerville Public School buildings. [25-0236](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Commissioner of Public Works work with relevant city staff to develop a prioritization and tracking system of 311 requests to maintain optimal school building conditions and proactively address potential concerns. [25-0233](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Kept in committee

7. That the Superintendent of Schools consider opening the Highlander Cafe within Somerville High School to the public for regular lunch hours while school is in session and that the Administration address any barriers to this request. [25-0116](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Strezo and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- SBFM - 2025-03-31 Response (with 25-0233)
- SBFM - 2025-03-31 Memo Response (with 25-0466)
- SBFM - 2025-03-31 School Rodent Update (with 25-0236)
- SBFM - 2025-03-31 Kennedy School Rodent Inspection (with 25-0236)