



## January 2026 Meeting Agenda

### Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

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### Meeting Information

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6:30-8:00 PM

This meeting will be hybrid:

- **In-person meeting location:** [Tufts University Administration Building](#), Atrium Room 203M, 167 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144.
  - Enter through the side door, down a pathway from Holland St between the building and parking lot. Entrance has a gated courtyard on the right. Meeting room is directly inside the entrance on the right.
- **Zoom info to join remotely via computers, tablets, and smartphones:**
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89181225932?pwd=aWp0L2FtaUh3aGdVbHNRWUJmeDRNQT09>
  - Passcode: 152274
  - Or join by phone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
    - US: +1 646 558 8656
    - Webinar ID: 891 8122 5932
    - International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcVy69ROJG>

### Members

1. Ted Alexander
2. Ginny Alverson
3. Meredith Brown
4. Laura Evans
5. Christopher Ferry
6. Preston Gutelius
7. Satoko Hirai
8. Brenda Marvin (Secretary)
9. Steven Mulder
10. Barbara Myers
11. Bianca Norkunas
12. Vitor Pamplona (Vice Chair)
13. Zach Rosenberg
14. Alessandra Seiter (Chair)
15. Mackenzie Webb
16. Ben Ewen-Campen (Ex Officio, Ward 3 City Councilor)
17. Justin Schreiber (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)
18. Katherine White (Ex Officio, OSPCD Mobility)

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## Procedural Business (15 Minutes)

- Roll call and guest introductions
- Vote on December draft minutes
- Announcements

## Subcommittee Updates (10 Minutes)

- Community Events
- Design Review
- Special Projects

## Presentation on the Traffic Commission (30 Minutes)

- The [Traffic Commission](#) is the regulatory body that oversees all traffic regulations in the City of Somerville. Its authority is based on enabling legislation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' General Laws and the City of Somerville Charter. The Commission is chaired by the Commissioner of Public Works, with other members including a representative of the Police Chief, a representative of the Fire Chief, the Chair of the City Council's Subcommittee on Traffic & Parking, and a citizen-at-large appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Parking Department is the custodian of the records and regulations, and meetings are attended by the Director of Parking, Parking Clerk, Commission Secretary, and other City staff as necessary. Commission meetings are held monthly and open to the public.
- At this PTAC meeting, Mobility staff will present on the Traffic Commission and its responsibilities. The presentation is meant to provide PTAC members and the public a better understanding of the Commission and its role in transportation-related decision-making in Somerville.

## Reflections on Snow Clearing & Advocacy Opportunities (30 Minutes)

- In March 2025, [PTAC sent a letter](#) to former Mayor Ballantyne – as well as DPW, Mobility, ISD, and City Council – advocating for improvements to the City's snow-clearing operations. We advocated for regulating snow and ice differently, implementing stronger snow regulations, shifting the [Sidewalk Snow Clearing Pilot](#) from a focus on enforcement to clearance, improving public education and outreach, and increasing enforcement capacity among other recommendations.
- In November 2025, PTAC's Chair and Vice Chair met with DPW and Mobility staff to follow up on these recommendations and learn more about the City's snow-clearing operations.
- At this PTAC meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair will report back from the November meeting. This will lead into a committee discussion on experiences with snow clearing this season, and opportunities for continued advocacy.

## Other Business (5 Minutes)

- Public comment.

## Online Meeting Addendum

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 by the Massachusetts State Legislature, this Somerville PTAC meeting will be conducted in part via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website.