



CITY OF SOMERVILLE

RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

SOMERVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION | Rights Violations Subcommittee

Thursday, April 9, 2026 | Start time: 4:00 pm (Virtual Meeting)

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AGENDA

1) Call to Order

- a) Roll Call and Confirm quorum

2) Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

- a) Review any outstanding minutes from previous meetings
 - i) Vote to approve

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Recap of recent progress concerning Subcommittee Scope and Operations**
 - i) Discuss and address any further concerns
- b) **Update on First-Quarter Deliverables**
 - i) Draft framework outlining subcommittee role (for HRC)
 - ii) Draft a Somerville Declaration of Human Rights (for HRC and broader government)
 - iii) Build department contact map / database of SPOCs within each

4) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Complaint Investigation Procedure**
 - i) Review and discuss proposed investigation workflow for handling complaints
 - ii) Vote to adopt procedure for recommendation to Administrative Subcommittee
- b) **Rights Violations Complaint [Executive Session anticipated]**
 - i) Receive testimony from complainant
 - ii) Questions from subcommittee members to complainant
 - iii) Subcommittee deliberation and determination of next steps
- c) **Public Statement on Incident**
 - i) Draft and approve statement for public release on recent rights violation complaint

5) 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Briefly identify topics for future meetings, no discussion or deliberation.

6) Adjournment

Next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for 7:00pm Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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