



City of Somerville
URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

24 FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was conducted via remote participation on Zoom.

NAME	TITLE	STATUS	ARRIVED
Sarah Lewis	Co-Chair	<i>Present</i>	
Estello Raganit	Co-Chair	<i>Absent</i>	
Frank Valdes	Member	<i>Absent</i>	
Deborah Fennick	Member	<i>Present</i>	
Andrew Arbaugh	Member	<i>Present</i>	
Tim Talun	Member	<i>Present</i>	
Martin Pavlinic	Alternate	<i>Present</i>	

City staff present: Lexie Payne (Planning, Preservation, & Zoning)

Sarah Lewis, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and adjourned at 6:16pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Member Arbaugh, seconded by Member Fennick, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve 13 January 2026 meeting minutes, as presented.

DESIGN RECOMMENDATION: 101 Highland Avenue YMCA

The Commission reviewed the written recommendation as completed by Staff.

OTHER BUSINESS: Update on in-Person Meetings

Staff explained that the administration has begun to have these conversations. While in-person meetings may not be available for the March date the Commission previously targeted, the Planning, Preservation, & Zoning (PPZ) Division should be back to full strength within a month or so and in-person meetings could then be considered. It is unclear if a hybrid option will be required and if city buildings will be available to utilize in the evenings.

The Commission agreed to keep this item on the agenda in hopes of continuing to gather more information.

NOTICE: These minutes constitute a summary of the votes and key discussions at this meeting. A recording of these proceedings can be found online here: [Agendas, Minutes, & More.](#)