

SOMERVILLE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2026

Via Zoom

4:30pm

Members (16) – Present in bold:

Emily Grandstaff-Rice (Chair)

Jake Wilson, Mayor

Rich Raiche

Ruben Carmona

Courtney Gosselin

Ed Bean

Chris Ames

Daniel Grayton

Eric Weisman

Andre Green

Kathleen Seward

Jesse Clingan

Suraj Rajbanshi

Courtney Koslow

Rich Heidebrecht

Hanna Bao

Guests Present:

Khin Mar (CoS)

Sean Burke (PMA)

Nick Masse (PMA)

Lisa Pecora (PE)

Robert Bell (PE)

Dan Arons (PE)

Danielle Barry (SPS)

- **Call to Order – 4:31pm**
 - The Chair called the meeting to order
 - Roll call attendance was had.

- **Meeting Minutes**
 - Approve meeting minutes from March 23, 2026.
 - Rich Raiche motions to approve as presented. Rich Heidebrecht seconds the motion.
 - Discussion: none.
 - VOTE (roll call): 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 3 not present
 - Yes: Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Rich Raiche, Ruben Carmona, Courtney Gosselin, Ed Bean, Chris Ames, Daniel Grayton, Eric Weisman, Andre Green, Jesse Clingan, Suraj Rajbanshi, Rich Heidebrecht
 - No:
 - Abstain: Kathleen Seward
 - Not Present: Mayor Jake Wilson, Courtney Koslow, Hanna Bao

- **New Business**
 - Overview of PDP Contents
 - PE provided an overview of the contents within the PDP, highlighting that a majority of the content has been previously shared with the committee along the PDP phase.
 - PE asked the committee if they had any questions on the PDP submission
 - The Chair thanked the project team.
 - Committee member asked about the space summary, and the square footage that is proposed to be over the MSBA recommendation, and how that will impact the reimbursement on the spaces. PE responded satisfactorily.
 - Committee member asked about the options that the project is moving forward with, if the MSBA would find this unfavorable. PE and PMA responded satisfactorily.
 - Committee member asked if the MSBA is requiring the comparison of the new construction vs a renovation. PE responded that the MSBA likes to see the Code Upgrade/Base Repair, and an Addition/Renovation, so that tax dollars are exploring all avenues for Districts.
 - Vote to Approve the PDP Submission and All Contents within
 - PE presented a recommended motion for the committee to consider.
 - Motion to approve the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) submission and all contents within.
 - Daniel Grayton motions the above. Andre Green seconds the motion.
 - Discussion: none.
 - VOTE (roll call): 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 not present
 - Yes: Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Rich Raiche, Ruben Carmona, Courtney Gosselin, Ed Bean, Chris Ames, Daniel Grayton, Eric Weisman, Andre Green, Kathleen Seward, Jesse Clingan, Suraj Rajbanshi, Rich Heidebrecht
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Not Present: Mayor Jake Wilson, Courtney Koslow, Hanna Bao

- **Public Comment**
 - The Chair opened it up to the public to ask any questions or make any comments.
 - There were none.

- **Adjournment**
 - Vote to Adjourn
 - Rich Raiche motions to adjourn. Daniel Grayton seconds the motion.
 - VOTE (roll call): 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 not present
 - Yes: Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Rich Raiche, Ruben Carmona, Courtney Gosselin, Ed Bean, Chris Ames, Daniel Grayton, Eric Weisman, Andre Green, Kathleen Seward, Jesse Clingan, Suraj Rajbanshi, Rich Heidebrecht
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Not Present: Mayor Jake Wilson, Courtney Koslow, Hanna Bao

Minutes Signed by:

NAME: Nicholas Masse, PMA Consultants

DATE: 04/06/2026