

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

December 13, 2007, 6:00 PM

Mayor's Office

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**PRESENT for all or part of the meeting:** President Robert C. Trane, Vice President Dennis M. Sullivan, Aldermen John M. Connolly, Bruce M. Desmond, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Maryann M. Heuston, Walter F. Pero, Sean T. O'Donovan, Rebekah L. Gewirtz.

**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.

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**CITATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

2. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the City's plans to address the consequences of the weekend fire at the East Somerville Community School.

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**COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**LATE ITEMS**

None

This Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was not videotaped. This narrative will serve as a record of the discussion of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at about 6:05 PM. The first item was the call of the roll: 9 Aldermen were present, and Aldermen Taylor and O'Donovan were absent. Alderman O'Donovan arrived shortly thereafter. The second item was a verbal Communication from the Mayor about the recent fire at the East Somerville Community School. The Mayor discussed the ramifications of the fire, including a potential insurance claim, the physical status of the building, and the prospects for funding possible reconstruction. Assisting the Mayor were Capital Improvements Director Jerry Boyle, City Auditor and CFO Ed Bean, Acting City Solicitor Frank Wright, Purchasing Director Rose Durham, and School Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi. President Trane stated that he would appoint Alderman Roche to a committee formed to guide reconstruction. No votes were taken. The meeting adjourned at about 6:30 PM.

**Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk**