

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) duly called and held on December 19, 2024.

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The Public Hearing of the Somerville Housing Authority was held in-person at the Mystic Activity Center at 530 Mystic Avenue, Somerville on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

The Executive Director Diane L. Cohen called the roll at 4:10 PM. Upon roll call Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT	ABSENT
Chairman Capuano	
	Comm. Mannion
Comm. Lemard	
	Comm. Rances
Vice-Chairman Zamer	

Others in Attendance: Adam Garvey, Deputy Director; Arnaldo Velazquez, Director of Finance & Administration; Matt Lincoln, Director of Leased Housing; Brian Langton, Director of Modernization; Emily Eschmann, Executive Secretary; Joe Macaluso, Development Consultant.

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1. COMMUNITY INPUT/RESIDENT COUNCILS

2. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Approval of the FY 2025 Federal 5-Year and Annual Plan.

Deputy Director Adam Garvey provided an overview of the Federal 5-Year & Annual Plan and State Annual Plan, detailing SHA's goals & objectives, Policy updates, 5-year Capital Plan and Performance Management Reviews. Public feedback was requested during a 45-day comment period. Additionally, meetings were held with the Resident Advisory Board and various Tenant Associations for input on the Plan(s).

A. Garvey detailed SHA's future goals including the completion of the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Phase 1 and Waterworks II, continuing to work with the City of Somerville and Legal Services to preserve tenancy at SHA properties, and forming a closer connection between Legal Services and SHA's Resident Services Department. SHA plans to revise the Emergency and Evacuation Plan, improve the Public Safety Department, and complete a surveillance system study to install a new system across all SHA properties. SHA is also working toward Wi-Fi installation to lower costs for SHA residents and prioritize energy conservation and decarbonization.

Commissioner Lemard made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Federal 5-Year and Annual Plan. Commissioner Zamer seconded the motion.

All in favor: 3-0

(b) Approval of the FY 2026 State Annual Plan.

Commissioner Lemard made a motion to approve the FY 2026 State Annual Plan.

Commissioner Zamer seconded the motion.

All in favor: 3-0

3. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lemard made a motion to adjourn at 4:14 p.m. Commissioner Zamer seconded the motion.

All in favor: 3-0

*Diane L. Cohen*

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Diane L. Cohen  
Executive Director

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Documents presented during the Somerville Housing Authority Public Hearing on 12/19/2024.

- Agenda
- New Business 2(a) & 2(b) Memo: HUD (Federal) Five-Year and Annual Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning 4/1/2025 & EOHLC (State) Annual Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning 4/1/2025
- New Business 2(a): 5-Year PHA Plan
- New Business 2(b): EOHLC (State) Annual Plan 2026