

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) duly called and held on June 3, 2026.

The Special Meeting of the Somerville Housing Authority was held remotely via GoToMeeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 12:00 PM.

The Executive Director Diane L. Cohen called the roll at 12:01 PM. Upon roll call Commissioners present and absent were as follows:

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

Others in Attendance: Adam Garvey, Deputy Director; Andrew Rocha, Director of Operations; Shannon Bennett, Director of Resident Services; Emily Eschmann, Executive Secretary; Ryan Cummiskey, Modernization Coordinator.

1. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Authorization to apply for the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) Creative Place-Making Award (NOFA EOHLC2026-64) **(ROLL CALL)**

D. Cohen requested Board authorization for the Somerville Housing Authority to submit an application to the EOHLC for the 2026 Creative Place-Making Award. The proposed project would resurface and artistically redesign the community basketball court at Mystic River, incorporating input from youth residents and complementing the planned community garden installation. The project builds on existing youth programming and community partnerships. If awarded, the project would be completed over a fifteen-month period, with completion anticipated in summer 2027. No SHA operating funds are required, as all project costs would be covered through the grant.

Commissioner Rances made a motion to approve the authorization of SHA to apply for the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) Creative Place-Making Award (NOFA EOHLC2026-64). Commissioner Lemard seconded the motion. All in favor: 3-0

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Capuano	Yes	Comm. Mannion	Absent
Comm. Rances	Yes	Comm. Zamer	Absent
Comm. Lemard	Yes		

2. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rances made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Chairman Capuano seconded the motion.

All in favor: 3-0

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Capuano	Yes	Comm. Mannion	Absent
Comm. Rances	Yes	Comm. Zamer	Absent
Comm. Lemard	Yes		

Diane L. Cohen

Diane L. Cohen
Executive Director

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Documents presented during the Somerville Housing Authority Special Meeting on 6/3/2026.

- Notice
- Agenda
- New Business 1(a): Memo: Authorization to Apply — EOHLC Creative Place-Making Award (NOFA EOHLC2026-64)
- New Business 1(a): EOHLC Creative Place-Making Award Grant Application - NOFA: EOHLC2026-64 | COMMBUYS BD-26-1076-OCDDE-PH005-126796