



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS
DATE: MARCH 18, 2025
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS NAOMI CARNEY, CHAIR; IAN ABREU;
DEREK BAPTISTE (7:16); SHANE BURGO; LEO
CHOQUETTE; MARIA GIESTA; BRIAN GOMES;
JOSEPH LOPES; LINDA MORAD (7:20); SHAWN
OLIVER; RYAN PEREIRA

ABSENT: NO ONE

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Councillor Carney called the Appointments & Briefings Committee meeting to order, took attendance, and explained that the meeting was being recorded and live-streamed. The Clerk read a Communication into the record from Councillor Morad explaining her tardiness. The Communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Burgo. The Clerk also announced that he had received a text communication from Councillor Baptiste explaining his tardiness.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of KAREN TREADUP, New Bedford, MA, to the GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE; replacing the late Frederick J. Toomey; this term will expire May 2028. (Matter ID #0109) (Referred – January 23, 2025.) (February 18, 2025 – tabled)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Burgo, the Committee VOTED: To remove the matter from the table.

The Chair recognized Karen Treadup, New Bedford, MA, who provided the Committee with a brief overview of her qualifications and her past service to the City. She recently retired from the New Bedford Public School system as a former educator and Assistant Superintendent after thirty-six years. She believes that she will bring the perfect perspective to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee, not only as an educator, but also as a parent who had a child graduate from that High School.

Councillor Pereria asked if she agreed that the new admissions policy should be looked into, specifically, that it should be data driven. Ms. Treadup stated that she is very open to including data as part of the admissions policy, provided that it is a fair and equitable system for all.

Councillor Abreu stated that there is an interest in making the Voc-Tech School Committee positions elected, like other vocational schools in the Commonwealth. He asked how she would feel about that. Ms. Treadup replied that if someone is representing the City and the requirement is that you do so by being elected, she would not have a problem.

Councillors Lopes, Gomes and Oliver all spoke in favor of the appointment.

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of KAREN TREADUP, New Bedford, MA, to the GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of ALEX J. WEINER, New Bedford, MA to the BOARD OF HEALTH, this term will expire February 2028. (Matter ID #0146) (Referred – February 13, 2025.)

The Clerk read a Communication into the record from the applicant informing the Committee that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To table the matter at this time.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JAMES P. DEE, New Bedford, MA, to the LICENSING BOARD, replacing Marcelino "Sonny" Almeida, who has resigned; this term will expire June 2028. (Matter ID #0147) (Referred – February 13, 2025.)

James Dee, New Bedford, MA, was recognized and provided the Committee with an overview of his background. He stated that he is a lifelong resident of New Bedford and has just retired after working for the Kraft Family and the New England Patriots for thirty years.

Councillor Abreu asked if he would be easily persuaded by individuals to vote a certain way if asked to do so. Mr. Dee said he would not, and that he would do his due diligence prior to casting a vote.

Councillor Pereira asked if he would be open to communicating with the public on issues and if he would be prepared when taking a vote. Mr. Dee replied that he would.

Councillor Gomes spoke in favor of the appointment and asked if Mr. Dee would be agreeable to conducting spot-checks at various establishments to ensure they are following City guidelines. Mr. Dee replied that he would be open to doing something like that.

On motion by Councillor Pereira and seconded by Councillor Oliver, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of JAMES P. DEE, New Bedford, MA, to the LICENSING BOARD.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ROBYN BRANCO, New Bedford, MA, as an ALTERNATE MEMBER of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, this term will expire December 2029. (Matter ID #0149) (Referred – February 13, 2025.)

The Chair recognized Robyn Branco, New Bedford, MA, who stated that she is a New Bedford resident and is currently the CEO of YMCA SouthCoast. Ms. Branco serves on the Board of the Immigrants Assistance Center and has dedicated a majority of her resources to support the City in any way possible.

Councillor Lopes complimented the applicant on her wanting to serve in this capacity. He stated that knowing her as well as he does, he believes she would do an excellent job serving on the Board.

Councillor Morad stated that often, applicants request something that may affect their neighbors as well. She asked Ms. Branco if she has the ability to consider all aspects of the requests that come before her, not just for the applicants, but also for the surrounding residents. Ms. Branco replied that she did.

On motion by Councillor Pereira and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of ROBYN BRANCO, New Bedford, MA, as an ALTERNATE MEMBER of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BYRON FORD, JR., New Bedford, MA, to the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; Mr. Ford will be replacing John Walsh, who has resigned; this term will expire in July 2027. (Matter ID #0205) (Referred – February 27, 2025.)

The Chair recognized Byron Ford, Jr., who shared that he is a lifelong resident of the City. He was previously employed as a jeweler in New Bedford for twenty years; however, for the last fifteen years, he has been a local realtor. Mr. Ford stated that he believed his experience in the real estate industry would be an asset to the Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Ford shared that he was approached by Joshua Amaral, Director of Housing and Community Development, to serve on the Board. He stated that while he understands the current market is extremely high, the City is very much in need of affordable housing for its residents.

Councillor Pereria gave the applicant some background on what appears to be the goals of the Redevelopment Authority, including the purchasing and leveraging of City-owned property, doing repairs and then selling the property. He stated that he believes Mr. Ford would bring a good perspective to the Board.

On motion by Councillor Pereira and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of BYRON FORD, JR., New Bedford, MA, to the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of KIMBERLY FERREIRA, New Bedford, MA, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; Ms. Ferreira will be replacing Laura Parrish, who has resigned; this term will expire in December 2029. (Matter ID #0206) (Referred – February 27, 2025.)

The Chair recognized Kimberly Ferreira, New Bedford, MA, who shared that she has lived in the New Bedford area for approximately twenty years. She is currently a teacher at St. Teresa of Calcutta School, and prior to that she worked with Coastline Elderly Services in the nutrition education area. She has also worked with MASS in Motion, which is a statewide health initiative. She previously served on the Library Board of Trustees but when they moved their meetings to earlier in the day, she was unable to attend due to work and regrettably, had to step down.

Councillor Pereira explained that often the people asking for relief are asking for something that may affect the neighbors they abut and asked Ms. Ferreira if she had the ability to balance the nature of the requests that would come before her while taking into consideration others living in the area. Ms. Ferreira said that she did.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of KIMBERLY FERREIRA, New Bedford, MA, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

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PETITION, **Melody Frechette, Middleborough, MA 02346 d/b/a THE KNIGHTS BAZAAR, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA**, requesting a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-38 of the City Code, to obtain a **LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECONDHAND ARTICLES**. (Matter ID #0232) (Referred – February 27, 2025.)

The Chair recognized Melody Frechette, who explained that she had previously operated a business where she sells goods that are crafted by individuals. To maintain her business, she also sells other items whose proceeds are donated to charities. She had to leave her former location and has been searching for a new location to restart her business. This is when she found Kilburn Mills, which is a perfect fit for what she does.

Councillor Pereira informed the applicant that there are businesses that attempt to load and unload in the front of the building, resulting in traffic issues. He asked if she was aware of the loading dock in the rear of the building. Ms. Frechette said she was aware of the rear loading dock and added that she would use it.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the PETITION, **Melody Frechette, Middleborough, MA 02346 d/b/a THE KNIGHTS BAZAAR, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA**, requesting a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-38 of the City Code, to obtain a **LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECONDHAND ARTICLES**.

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The following matters were taken up together:

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Yvain Junior Normil, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **RELIABLE TRANSIT EXPRESS**, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA. (**License will expire June 30, 2025.**) (Matter ID #0233) (Referred – February 27, 2025.)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Yvain Junior Normil, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **RELIABLE TRANSIT EXPRESS**, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA. (**Term of License July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026.**) (Matter ID #0234) (Referred – February 27, 2025.)

It was determined that the applicant was not present.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To table the matter at this time.

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with local musician and cultural educator Ms. Candida Rose to discuss her proposal for expanding the Cabo Verde Heritage Month of July in the areas of culture, education, art, and music, as well as ideas on promoting New Bedford's tourism attractions; and further, that a representative of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and New Bedford Tourism & Marketing Director Ashley Payne, be invited to said meeting. (Matter ID #2089) (Referred – December 12, 2024.)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To receive and place on file an informational packet submitted by Candida Rose.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded Councillor Pereira, the Committee VOTED: To receive and place on file a letter of support from Ashley Payne, Tourism Director for the City of New Bedford.

The Chair recognized Candida Rose, who introduced the Board of the Cape Verdean Heritage Month Committee, as well as those who were in attendance in support of the initiative. Ms. Rose went on to say that the Committee has completed the necessary steps to move the request forward. They have met with representatives of the City and have received full support. Ms. Rose read the Mission Statement of the Cape Verdean Heritage Month's Committee.

Ruby Erickson, Secretary of the Cape Verdean Heritage Month's Committee, was recognized and stated that they have been working for a very long time to get to this point. They see this Month as a way to bridge communities together and allow them to experience the heritage and culture of the people of Cabo Verde.

Councillor Gomes praised Ms. Rose for creating this plan and taking the initiative in moving this dream forward. He asked her if the Committee was prepared to begin this upcoming July, should the Council recommend approval of the request tonight. She replied that they were.

Councillor Morad asked Ms. Rose if she had received the cooperation and go ahead from the Administration. Ms. Rose replied that she did, and that she has been working with Ashley Payne in moving the process forward.

Councillor Burgo spoke in favor of the request, as did Councillors Baptiste and Carney.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council refer the matter to the Mayor, and that the month of July be recognized as Cape Verdean Heritage Month. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Choquette, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the developers of Rosa Drive along with any other developers in the City that have not completed road work, sidewalks and streetlights in order to give residents trash pickup and other City services required by City law. (Matter ID #1662) (Referred – October 10, 2024.)

Councillor Gomes was recognized and shared that he was informed by Councillor Choquette that the outstanding issues have been addressed. The City has accepted the street and Rosa Drive is now being provided with City services. Councillor Gomes thanked Councillor Choquette for his work to achieve this goal.

On motion by Councillor Choquette and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the matter at this time.

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, Council President Burgo, Councillors Abreu, Choquette, Oliver, Lopes and Carney, requesting, on behalf of the City Residents and Businesses, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings Committee meet with a representative of Eversource to discuss the increasing energy cost; and further, that the Representative give an explanation and breakdown of the energy bill, but more importantly the delivery charge that customers are paying. (Matter ID #0154) (Referred – February 13, 2025.)

The Clerk informed the Committee that they had received a Communication from Anthony Veilleux, Community Relations Specialist for Eversource Energy, stating that he was unable to attend this meeting.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To table the matter at this time.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the recommendation that the 2025 Preliminary Election be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. (Matter ID #0150) (Referred – February 13, 2025.)

The Chair recognized Election Commissioner Manuel DeBrito, who stated that the request is for the City Council to approve moving the Preliminary Election to September 16, 2025.

Mr. DeBrito explained that they have followed State Laws in the past. Preliminary Elections are held four Tuesdays before the final election, which is set by the State. However, with all the election changes, including mail-in voting and early voting, his Department is not given enough time to process and offer mail-in ballots. He went on to say that the law was changed for early voting, but the State never addressed the previous law in place for Municipal Preliminary Elections. The timeliness of meeting all the requirements came to light during this past election, where one-third of the votes received were mail-in ballots, totaling approximately 10,000. The current allotment of time does not allow for ballots to be counted, including a possible recount, plus having to order new ballots, hard-drives and coding from the firm that the City uses in Nebraska.

Mr. DeBrito informed the Committee that Fall River and Taunton have moved their preliminary dates to September. He added that he chose September 16th as the date because the 23rd is a Jewish holiday, and the State advises against holding any elections on such holidays.

Councillor Pereira asked if with this change, the Preliminary Election would be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 and if so, would the mail-in voting process be moved to allow time to receive the ballots. He was told yes, and it would also address the gap between the Preliminary and Final Elections. Moving the date would allow his Office enough time to manage the process properly, which would include:

- Allow the seven required business days to file for a recount after preliminary votes are certified.
- Time to allow for a recount and certify the recounted votes.
- The ballots would then need to be sent in order to be created and printed.
- The ballot machine flash-drives need to be created, with coding.
- Once received, the machines have to be tested to make sure the information is correct.

Councillor Pereira asked what the timeline would be for a voter to apply for a mail-in ballot, vote, then return the ballot and have it counted. Mr. DeBrito stated that by law, final election ballots are allowed to be requested up until October 28, 2025. However, if an individual requests a ballot on the 28th, they would likely not receive it in time to fill it out and mail it back. In that case, it would be more realistic to drop the ballot off at the polls, or at City Hall. He noted that when his Office receives a request for a ballot, they issue it as quickly as possible.

Councillor Lopes asked how many preliminary recounts the City has had within the last twenty years. The Commissioner was not able to give the Councillor an exact number, but said there have been a few instances since he became Commissioner. Councillor Lopes requested that the exact number of preliminary election recounts held within the last twenty years be provided to the Committee.

Councillor Morad asked if the reason September 23rd was not chosen as the preliminary date was because it was a Jewish Holiday; she was told that was correct. She asked if that date could be used despite it being a holiday; she was told that it could, but it goes against State recommendations. She asked if that date was not a Jewish Holiday, could it be used; she was told that it could, but that it may not leave enough time to effectively run the Office with the new requirements in place. Councillor Morad expressed concern that voters may find it confusing because for years voting has been on the first Tuesday in October and the second Tuesday in November.

Councillor Burgo asked what date Fall River holds their Preliminary Election; he was told September 16th. He asked when other communities were holding their elections; Mr. DeBrito replied that he normally just uses Fall River and Taunton for comparison, and added that Taunton's Preliminary Election is being held on the 23rd even though it is a Jewish Holiday.

Mr. DeBrito shared that many communities have opted out of mail-in voting, and that communities with spring elections have different dates as well. He added that he does not want to end mail-in voting, as it is his goal to offer every possible opportunity to City voters.

Councillor Gomes took exception with the need for New Bedford to be in line with Fall River, when this has not been the case in the past. He added that Fall River has always had their elections in September. He echoed Councillor Morad's concerns that the change may cause confusion for voters and added that if a decision is made at some point to change the date again, it will become even more confusing. He asked what the reason was for wanting to change the preliminary dates; Mr. DeBrito replied that it is because of the change in absentee voting. He went on to say that voter habits have changed, and Federal and State requirements have changed; as these trends continue, more and more time will be required of his Department. Councillor Gomes requested that the number of mail-in ballots issued and the number of mail-in ballots returned in the 2023 municipal election be provided to the Committee.

Councillor Carney asked if the City was mailing ballots to everyone or if it is upon request; she was told it was upon request. She asked once an election is certified, how many days a person has to request a mail-in ballot for a Final Election; she was told that any time a new person registers to vote, they automatically receive an application for a mail-in ballot, and that this occurs year-round. She asked what the final date was for a person to come into the Elections Office and apply for a mail-in ballot; she was told that this year it would be October 28, 2025. She stated if that is the date, there is no time to receive the ballot in the mail, fill it out and mail it back in time for election day; Mr. DeBrito agreed, and noted that this is only applicable in local elections. For Federal Elections, there is a seven day grace period after the election in which the votes can be counted, provided that the post-mark is on or before the election day.

Councillor Oliver asked if the last National Election was the busiest the Elections Office has ever been and whether the largest number of mail-in ballots were issued for that election. Mr. DeBrito answered that it was one of the busiest, and added that his Office has gotten better at handling mail-in voting due to the drastic increase during the Covid pandemic. He stated that although his Office could consider eliminating early voting for Municipal Elections, they prefer not to. He added that early-voting is mandatory in Federal Elections.

Councillor Oliver asked for the estimated number of ballots received after this past Final Election; he was told approximately 200. He stated that he believes that when it comes to elections, people are creatures of habit, and he asked what other municipalities have changed their Preliminary dates; he was told Fall River and Taunton, locally. He asked if this change was just for the upcoming Municipal Election; he was told that was correct. He asked if there was a possibility that in the future, the date will again need to be changed; he was told yes, it is a possibility depending on circumstances. Councillor Oliver stated that if a decision is made to make the change, he believes it should be a permanent change, adding that it will create confusion if you keep changing dates.

Councillor Pereira asked if the Elections Office would have to eliminate early voting if the dates were not changed; he was told this was correct. He asked Mr. DeBrito if he would request funding to advertise the new Preliminary Election date if the Committee did approve the date change; Mr. DeBrito said that he would.

Councillor Lopes stated that it is not the intent of the Committee to do away with any voting options, but he is not sure the data received to date is allowing them to make an educated decision. Mr. DeBrito stated that the request is based on past experience in allowing for all voting opportunities within a workable timeline.

Councillor Morad stated that if this date is to be moved, it should stay at the new date. It should not be moved year after year because that would become too confusing for voters. She said that people like the regularity of knowing when they are supposed to vote and on what days.

Mr. DeBrito shared that there was a proposed calendar included with his request to the Mayor, but he was not sure if that calendar was forwarded to the Committee. It was determined that the calendar had not been sent, and Mr. DeBrito stated that he would forward it to the Committee.

Councillor Burgo made a motion to recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the recommendation that the 2025 Preliminary Election be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, which was seconded by Councillor Baptiste.

Councillor Morad made a Motion to table, taking precedence over the Motion for approval.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To table the matter. This motion FAILED on a roll call vote of Yeas 5, Nays 6. (Councillors Carney, Gomes, Lopes, Morad and Oliver IN FAVOR.)

On the question, Councillor Burgo pointed out that he feels this request has already been delayed longer than necessary, and that any additional questions can be directed to Mr. DeBrito. He believes that the people who typically vote are the people who read press releases, listen to the radio and read the newspaper; he is not worried that they will not know the date has been changed.

On the question, Councillor Morad stated that the last election was five or six months ago, and she does not understand why this request was forwarded to the Committee for consideration in February for a Primary Election that is going to happen in just a few months.

On the question, Councillor Gomes echoed the same concerns as Councillor Moard, stating he believes there is enough time to receive answers to his outstanding questions before making a decision.

On the question, Councillor Lopes stated that the City is not the only municipality to change their Preliminary Election dates. The Committee has asked questions, and they should receive answers before making a determination.

Councillor Giesta was recognized and moved to Reconsider the Motion to table.

The Chair called a recess at 9:12 p.m. The Committee readjoined at 9:14 p.m.

Councillor Giesta withdrew her Motion to Reconsider.

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the recommendation that the 2025 Preliminary Election be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 7, Nays 4. (Councillors Carney, Gomes, Morad and Oliver OPPOSED.)

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with State officials, the Administration and New Bedford Port Authority to discuss the present condition of the boat slips at Pope's Island Marina Facility; further, discuss the 2014 report provided to the New Bedford Port Authority and the City of New Bedford that includes a reported inspection and assessment of the marina and improvements needed due to deterioration, the report also indicated that replacement of the floating docks would cost on their recommendations close to \$5,500,000; furthermore, that the Committee request year end audits of New Bedford Port Authority for years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 and that the City explain as to why we don't have a lease contract with the State since 2019 and where has the revenue from the 195 slips or more gone to since 2019 through 2021. (Matter ID #0804) (Referred – May 12, 2022.)

Councillor Gomes was recognized and expressed his frustration that no one from the Port Authority was present at the meeting. He is concerned that there isn't a contract in place with the State as it relates to the property. In 2022, repairs for the facility were estimated to be around \$5.5 million dollars. He would like to have a discussion with Port Authority officials to be updated on their plans regarding the Pope's Island Marina Facility.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Pereira, the Committee VOTED: To table the matter at this time.

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On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the following matters:

RELATED MOTION, Councillor Pereira, requesting that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings meet with Riley Brothers, Inc. and Eversource Representatives to review their process as it relates to street repairs. (Referred from Committee – September 20, 2022.)

RELATED MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting that the DPI Commissioner provide the Committee on Appointments & Briefings with a listing of all Eversource permits granted in the last twenty-four (24) months for dig-ups in the City, and that the DPI Commissioner, Appointments & Briefings Committee, and Eversource take a tour of the City to view the remaining work needed to be done on the permits that are on that list. (Referred from Committee – September 20, 2022.)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad submitting a copy of a letter from Theresa Brum, regarding the public outreach meeting held at Normandin Middle School on June 13, 2023, that was hosted by Southcoast Renewables, LLC. (Matter ID #1453) (Referred – August 17, 2023.)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Oliver, Abreu, Pereira, Burgo, Giesta, Baptiste, Carney and Markey, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Judith Keating, the Director of Personnel and Evan Bielski, President of the New Bedford Police Union, to discuss the feasibility of conducting a survey of the New Bedford Police Officers who have chosen to terminate employment with the City’s Police Department over the last five years. (Matter ID #1530) (Referred – September 14, 2023.)

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Councillor Burgo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councillor Giesta.

This meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Denis Lawrence Jr.
Clerk of Committees