



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS
DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2025
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS NAOMI CARNEY, CHAIR; IAN ABREU;
SHANE BURGO; LEO CHOQUETTE; MARIA GEISTA;
JOSEPH LOPES; LINDA MORAD

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS DEREK BAPTISTE; BRIAN GOMES;
SHAWN OLIVER; RYAN PEREIRA

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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 announced that he had received a text communication from Councillor Oliver explaining that he would not be in attendance due to a family commitment.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of CONNOR WORDEN, New Bedford, MA, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, Mr. Worden will be replacing Dennis Audette, who has resigned; this term will expire June 2027. (Matter ID #1553) (Referred – September 25, 2025.)

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Council Office had been notified by the applicant that he would be unable to attend this meeting and requested it be heard at a later date.

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

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COMMUNICATION (Matter ID #1556) and AN APPLICATION (Matter ID #1557), submitted by Mayor Mitchell, for the APPOINTMENT of MARIA ADAMIDES, New Bedford, MA as a CONSTABLE. (Referred – September 25, 2025.)

The Chair recognized the Applicant, who shared that she was a realtor by profession. She explained that the reason she was before the Committee was that it had been suggested that she consider obtaining a Constable license to assist property managers when such a service is required.

Councillor Abreu was recognized and spoke in favor of Ms. Adamides.

Councillor Morad was recognized and asked Ms. Adamides if she would work with other Constables in the area. Ms. Adamides answered that she would be working with established Constables in the City to gain the knowledge needed to become an effective Constable.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of MARIA ADAMIDES, New Bedford, MA as a CONSTABLE.

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COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Duria Arsanios, d/b/a NEW BEDFORD TRANSPORTATION, LLC, 11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA, 02740**, hereby submitting a copy of the Application requesting a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. **(License will expire June 30, 2026.)** (Matter ID# 1502) (Referred – September 11, 2025.)

The Applicant was not present.

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

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

This meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Denis Lawrence, Jr.
Clerk of Committees