

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 3, 2026

A meeting of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee was held Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber and duly noticed in two places, including the City's website in accordance with the requirements of RSA 91-A:2 II.

The roll call was taken with 5 members of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee present:

Chairwoman Shoshanna Kelly presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Thomas Lopez (7:07 via Zoom)
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman Paula Johnson
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons, Vice Chair
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Chairwoman

Members not in Attendance:

Also in Attendance: Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Mayor Jim Donchess

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Dorothy Clarke, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Re: Expanded explanation of statement in analysis of O-26-002 ("Allowing electronic public comment for people with walking disabilities") regarding existing ADA process

Without objection, Chairwoman Kelly accepted the communication and placed it on file.

INTERVIEWS

Arts Commission

Michael McDowell (new appointment)
217 Main Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: June 9, 2029

**** Marnie Gordon will be interviewed at the 9/9/26 meeting****

Historic District Commission

Marnie Gordon (new appointment)
69 Concord Street
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: July 16, 2029

Arts Commission

Judith Carlson (re-appointment)
15 Manchester Street
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: April 1, 2029

APPLICATION TO LICENSE HAWKER'S, PEDDLER'S, ITINERANT VENDOR'S LICENSE – None

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS COMMISSION: MICHAEL MCDOWELL WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 9, 2029, BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons,
Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH CARLSON TO THE ARTS COMMISSION, BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Thibault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly 4

Nay: Alderman Lopez 1

MOTION CARRIED**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS COMMISSION: JUDITH CARLSON WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2029, BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Thibault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons 3

Nay: Alderman Lopez, Alderwoman Kelly 2

MOTION CARRIEDUNFINISHED BUSINESS**O-26-012**

Endorsers: Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Thomas Lopez

AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF SECONDHAND DEALERS**MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO AMEND O-26-012 BY STRIKING ALL OF THE UNDERLINED LANGUAGE IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE; AND STRIKING FROM SECTION 220-7, PART A., THE WORDS "AND SECONDHAND DEALER"; AND THEN ADDING TO SECTION 220-7, PART B., WHICH WILL READ, "EVERY SECONDHAND DEALER SHALL RETAIN POSSESSION OF ALL PROPERTY PURCHASED FOR A FIFTEEN (15) DAY PERIOD SUBSEQUENT TO THE PURCHASE THEREOF; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY SUCH ITEM MAY BE DISPOSED OF BY THE PURCHASER WITHIN THE FIFTEEN-DAY PERIOD WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE", BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons
Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons
Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-26-049

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Paula Johnson
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ESTABLISHING A HOMELESS SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons 2

Nay: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Kelly 3

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO RECOMMEND INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly 3

Nay: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Johnson 2

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-26-018

Endorsers: Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman Thomas Lopez

REMOVING THE TOTAL TIME LIMIT FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS DURING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons
Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

O-26-021

Endorsers: Alderman Paula Johnson
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan

INCREASING THE INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC COMMENT TIME DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE, BY ROLL CALL

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO AMEND O-26-021 TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO FOUR (4) MINUTES, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons 4

Nay: Alderwoman Kelly 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE OF O-26-021 AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons 3

Nay: Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Kelly 2

MOTION CARRIED

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE O-26-002, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons 2

Nay: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Kelly 3

MOTION FAILED

O-26-002

Endorsers: Alderman Paula Johnson
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Tim Sennott

ALLOWING ELECTRONIC PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH WALKING DISABILITIES

O-26-004

Endorsers: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Thomas Lopez

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

O-26-005

Endorsers: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Thomas Lopez

REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CAMPERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman Clemons

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE O-26-002, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons 2

Nay: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Kelly 3

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO MOVE THAT O-26-002 BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AT THE NEXT MEETING, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons,
Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Alderman Johnson
Alderman Thibeault
Alderman Clemons
Alderman Lopez
Alderman Sennott
Alderwoman Kelly

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ADJOURN, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly 4

Nay: Alderman Lopez 1

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 9:44 p.m.

Alderman Derek Thibeault
Committee Clerk