



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Personnel/Appointments Committee

*Councillor Chris Simonelli, Chair*  
*Councillor Amanda Linehan, Vice Chair*  
*Councillor Paul Condon*  
*Councillor at Large Carey McDonald*  
*Councillor Barbara Murphy*

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022

5:30 PM

Rear Board Room # 113  
215 Pleasant Street

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### Roll Call

*Minutes recorded by City Clerk Greg Lucey.*

*Councillors Condon and Murphy, members of the Personnel/Appointments Committee were absent because they were attending a Finance Committee Meeting held at the same time.*

*Chair Simonelli called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.*

**Present:** 3 - Councillor Chris Simonelli, Councillor Amanda Linehan and Carey McDonald

**Absent:** 2 - Paul Condon and Barbara Murphy

### Minutes to be Approved

#### Business

##### [12-22](#)

Mayoral Appointment - Ralph Long, III, 109 Essex Street, Malden, MA, to the Disability Commission said term to commence upon confirmation by City Council, and to expire September 22, 2022. Ralph will fulfill the unexpired term of Kerlyne Pacombe who recently resigned.

**Sponsors:** Chris Simonelli

*Mr. Long was present at the meeting and talked about his language barrier being brought up in the south and his son with a disability trying to navigate the system on his behalf as the reasons why he was a good fit for the Disability Commission and the reasons he would like to be appointed.*

*When asked by Councillor Linehan what he would bring to the Disability Commission, Mr. Long answered his background, new blood and fresh energy.*

*Councillors McDonald and Simonelli voiced their support for his appointment.*

**A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

##### [32-22](#)

Mayoral Appointment: Dr. Roxanne Reddington-Wilde, 35 Baincroft Road, Malden, MA as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, said term to

commence upon confirmation by the City Council and to expire on January 31, 2024.

**Sponsors:** Chris Simonelli

*Chair Simonelli requested that because all 3 papers were reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Dr. Roxanne Reddington-Wilde (#32-22), Angie Liou (#33-22), Brian Slater (#34-22) and were present, that the committee interview the appointees as a group.*

*Ms. Liou said the Board accomplished a lot since being formed and have a five year plan and have done extensive planning.*

*Mr. Slater stated that there was not enough funding for effective planning but the council passing inclusionary zoning which is going to be very helpful. Mr. Slater continued that additional funding that could become available through CPC and ARPA funds will also help.*

*Councillor Linehan said the Board's community outreach made her job as a councillor easier. Dr. Reddington-Wilde said she was proud of the way the city ran the community outreach and doing it in 7 languages aside from English. Dr. Reddington-Wilde confirmed there is \$962,000 in funds currently available.*

*Mr. Slater added that this was done through zoom which never happened before.*

*Councillor McDonald thanked the group for their work and asked what could the council do to help.*

*Mr. Slater said the council unanimously passing inclusionary zoning certainly helped and the professionalism and support from the Mayor, Alex Pratt and Evan Spetrini being able to move the ball on this has created a lot of community buy in.*

*Ms. Liou said we need to shift the reason how we talk about affordable housing and Covid has made the issue of affordability to be seen.*

*Mr. Slater said this is for working people and we have to get rid of the negative connotation that is associated with affordable housing.*

*Dr. Wilde-Reddington said they meet monthly with additional time for subcommittees.*

*Chair Simonelli talked about the affordable housing he put in place in his ward when previously on the council. He also stated that it would be good if Malden residents could get priority to housing that comes available.*

**A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

### 33-22

Mayoral Re-Appointment: Angie Liou, 35 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, MA, as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and to expire on January 31, 2024.

**Sponsors:** Chris Simonelli

**A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion**

carried by a unanimous vote.

[34-22](#)

Mayoral Re-Appointment: Brian Slater, 195 Beech Avenue, Melrose, MA as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and to expire on January 31, 2024.

**Sponsors:** Chris Simonelli

**A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## Other Business

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M.**