



Wednesday December 3, 2025
Citywide Senior Center
806 Mass Avenue, Cambridge, MA

Summary of Conversation Topics

- Family Policy Council Retrospective

Chair: ~~Mayor Simmons~~

Co-Chair Sumbul Siddiqui

Members: Tina Alu, Shakia Afrose, Johanny Castillo, Christine Elow, Lida Griffins, Michelle Godfrey, Tabithlee Howard, Caroline Hunter, Kieu Anh Huynh, Michelle Lower, Kam Maali, Jasper Mallon, Maria McCauley, Larisa Mendez-Penate, Dave Murphy, ~~Matt Nelson~~, Geeta Pradhan, Bridget Rodriguez, Ellen Semonoff, Liz Stapleton, Tagesech Wabeto, Ayesha Wilson, Derrick Neal, Yoyo Yau

Executive Director: Nancy Tauber

Notetaker: Andrew Liedtka (Find it Manager)

CYC Coordinator: Izzy Schpeiser

CYC Members: Avi Dupee, Fatima Najri, Jasper Adiletta, Audrey Vautier

Guests: Marlees Owayda, Crystal Rosa, Sharlene Yang, Siobahn Mulligan, Cliff Freeman, Sarah Lincoln, Lindsay Diaz, -Malene Council, Sue Walsh, Maisha Moses, Christina Turner, Fred Fantini,

5:30 Welcome and Introductions

- Family Policy Council Business
 - Approval of October 29, 2025 Minutes
 - PASSES: Unanimously
- Public Comment
 - N/A
- Announcements
 - Caregiver Academy: In the Know Fair on January 8th at CRLS from 6 to 8 PM. For families of 9th grade and new students.
 - Cambridge Community Foundation helped raise \$500,000 for November SNAP delay support.

- The Family Policy Council is the Advisory Council for The Center for Families, the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grantee.
- Sarah Lincoln, Nancy Tauber, and Connor Epsteinkraus will be leading a Child Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI) Planning Team to prepare to apply for CFCI designation, and they are looking for volunteers to join the team. Here is the flyer with all the details:

[☰ CFCI Planning Team Job Description](#)

Goodbyes and Thank yous

- Ellen Semonoff
- Caroline Hunter
- Ayesha Wilson
- Sumbul Siddiqui

Family Policy Council Retrospective: Where are they now

The Community Engagement Team (CET), Find It, STEAM, and Language Justice provided an overview of their work, asked you some questions, and then gave attendees the opportunity to ask them questions.

Our guests rotated to a new group every 15 minutes. Michelle Godfrey - DHSP Community Engagement and Family Support Director

- Marlees Owayda - CDD Community Engagement Manager
- Lindsay Diaz - DHSP CET Manager
- Andrew Liedtka - Find It Cambridge Manager
- Sharlene Yang - STEAM Initiative Director
- Siobhan Mulligan - CPS Director of Mathematics
- Cliff Freeman - Young People's Project Director of STEM Programs
- Crystal Rosa - Language Access Manager

Next steps

- The next Family Policy Council meeting is Thursday, January 29 (5:15-7:15). The focus will be on Youth Wellness and the Child Friendly Cities Initiative

Adjourn 7:15