



City Council
Public Safety Meeting

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gerry Martin (Chair)

June 10, 2026

4:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

In Person

Councilor Martin, Chair
Sgt Brian Kelly
Bill Baker (Mayor Chief of Staff)
Reporter Jeanette DeForge
Tim Sheehan
Emily Cruzado -SPS-messenger
Dr Jose Escribano-assistant superintendent SPS

Zoom

Councilor Click-Bruce
Councilor Davila
Councilor Hurst *L

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Absent	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Present	Late 4:34 PM
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Excused	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Absent	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Excused	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Remote	Late 5:07

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Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Remote	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Remote	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Excused	

Call To Order

4:30 PM Meeting called to order on June 10, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Follow up on Union Station Concerns

Minutes:

On June 10, 2026, the Public Safety Committee, chaired by Councilor Gerry Martin, met to discuss safety concerns and recent incidents at Union Station. Springfield Police, Springfield Public Schools, the Springfield Redevelopment Authority (SRA), and City officials reviewed ongoing efforts to address youth gatherings, transit-related disturbances, truancy concerns, and quality-of-life issues at the transportation hub. Officials emphasized that the issue involves a mix of juveniles, adults, transit riders from across the region, mental health concerns, and substance-use issues, and is not limited to Springfield Public Schools students.

Springfield Police reported that the Safe Travels Initiative remains active, with officers assigned to Union Station during peak operating hours. Following the end of Sheriff’s Department participation, police reassigned existing personnel to maintain coverage without reducing public safety presence. The SRA continues to fund private security and supplemental police details as part of its annual security investment at the facility.

Springfield Public Schools reported that 81 students were trespassed from Union Station during the past year, representing less than one percent of district enrollment, with at least 21 incidents occurring outside school hours. The district highlighted expanded attendance notification systems, parent communication efforts, and plans to deploy staff to help reconnect disengaged students with school.

Committee members discussed possible passenger identification and registration systems, the need for continued regional and inter-agency collaboration, and the importance of parental involvement, youth outreach, and data-driven strategies to improve safety while preserving public access to transit services. Councilors expressed support for ongoing efforts and requested continued monitoring and coordination among stakeholders.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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