



City of Somersworth
City Council Special Meeting Agendaⁱ
City Council Chambers
Monday, August 24, 2026
5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Acceptance of Written Communications
 - A. Resignation of Ward 5 School Board Member, Carly Prescott*
3. Adjournment

*This special meeting is called for the purpose of achieving public notice of a School Board resignation that is required in accordance with City Council Rule 10B. This notice, required to be given at a City Council meeting, must take place before applications for the opening can be accepted by the City Clerk.

ⁱ The order of this agenda may be changed following a suspension of Council Rules. A motion to enter Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 may occur at any time during the meeting.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor Gerding and Members of the City Council

FROM: David Moore, City Manager

RE: Special City Council Meeting – School Board Vacancy

As you know, the Mayor has called a Special Meeting of the City Council for this Monday August 24th at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to formally received notice of the resignation of Ward 3 School Board member Carly Prescott. Per City Council Rule 10B, this notice must be received at “scheduled City Council meeting” prior to the Clerk accepting applications.

Meeting this requirement on this timeframe will allow the process of filling the vacancy to proceed in a more-timely manner than would otherwise be possible before your next scheduled meeting on September 21st.

Sample Motion: Accept the resignation of Carly Prescott from the Somersworth School Board.

Additional Consideration

I recommend the City Council take another action at your Council meeting related to process of filling School Board vacancies established in your rules.

The Council Rule 10A requires the vacancy be posted in a local newspaper three times. Each of these postings costs the City \$121 and I question the usefulness of completing this posting more than one time in our current age; especially with our ability to communicate via the newsletter tool and social media presence. I think one official posting is sufficient in a local newspaper. If the Council agrees, a sample motion for your consideration is below.

Sample Motion: To waive a portion of the City Council Rule 10A and waive the second and third required newspaper postings.

From: **Carly Prescott**

Date: Thu, Aug 13, 2026, 1:03 PM

Subject: Resignation (Only because I moved across town)

Hi everyone,

I wanted to let you all know that as of Sunday, I'll officially be living in Ward 1, which means I'll no longer be able to serve as the Ward 5 representative on the School Board.

It has truly been a privilege to serve Ward 5 and the community, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to have been part of this board. While I won't be able to continue serving in my current seat, I would absolutely love to stay engaged and find ways that I can continue contributing to the board and our schools.

I'm open to seeing what that might look like moving forward, and I hope this isn't a goodbye so much as a change in how I'm able to participate.

Thank you all for everything, and I look forward to staying connected.

Carly