



# City of Concord

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes - Final

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Thursday, January 4, 2024

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
37 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301

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1. Call to Order.

**Action:** Mayor Champlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Invocation by Reverend Lourey Savic, Wesley United Methodist Church followed by Invocation by Imam Jabir Ahmed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Ceremonial swearing in of Mayor Champlin.

**Action:** Mayor Champlin successfully took his oath and was officially sworn-in as Mayor.

5. Ceremonial swearing in of Members of City Council.

**Action:** Mayor Champlin successfully completed the ceremonial swearing-in of the newly elected and re-elected City Council members.

6. Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

**Action:** Councilor Todd nominated Councilor Sekou. The motion was duly seconded. Councilor Todd discussed Councilor Sekou's experience with leadership and consensus-building in various community organizations as well as public speaking experience.

Councilor McLaughlin nominated Councilor Kretovic. The motion was duly seconded. Councilor McLaughlin discussed the length of time Councilor Kretovic has been active in the community.

7. Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

**Action:** Members of City Council voted by secret ballot for nominees for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilor Sekou received nine votes and was elected Mayor Pro Tem. Councilor Kretovic received six votes.

8. Remarks by Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilor Sekou expressed his gratitude for being elected Mayor Pro Tem and asked his fellow City Council members for their support and guidance in the future.

9. Comments by Members of City Council.

Councilor Todd expressed his gratitude for the voters and his family.

Councilor Horne thanked the constituents of Ward Two as well as her friends and family.

Councilor Kretovic congratulated Councilor Sekou and thanked her husband.

Councilor McNamara thanked the constituents of Ward Four, City staff, and her husband. She also expressed her excitement for working with the new City Council members.

Councilor Brown expressed gratitude for her family and friends. She also expressed that she looks forward to working with her fellow City Council members on solving various issues.

Councilor Kurtz thanked her friends, family, and the voters. She also thanked her fellow City Council members for welcoming her.

Councilor Fennessy thanked the voters for electing him to his second term. He congratulated Mayor Champlin and Mayor Pro Tem Sekou, and he thanked his family.

Councilor McLaughlin thanked her husband and the voters, and she expressed that she is looking forward to working with her fellow City Council members.

Councilor Schlosser thanked the Ward Seven voters as well as Councilor Nyhan for the work completed in his 18 years representing Ward Seven. Councilor Schlosser thanked his wife, City staff, and those who helped work on his campaign. He expressed how he looks forward to working with his fellow City Council members and City Manager Aspell.

Councilor Sekou thanked his wife and Councilor Matson. He also thanked Mayor Champlin and City Manager Aspell for their mentorship.

Councilor Schultz thanked Councilor Bouchard and expressed that she hopes to act on behalf of Ward Nine under the vision of loving thy neighbor.

Councilor Foote thanked his wife and the voters of Ward Ten. He expressed that he looks forward to moving the community forward with his fellow City Council members.

10. Mayor's Remarks.

Mayor Champlin thanked the volunteers who worked on his campaign as well the voters who elected him as the 57th Mayor of Concord. He expressed his love for his family and his hope to represent all of Concord's residents.

Mayor Champlin expressed the importance of addressing the following areas: creating economic opportunity, securing public safety, addressing housing affordability, investing in critical needs with sound financial management, and respecting the financial burden faced by Concord taxpayers. He also discussed making all in Concord feel welcome. Lastly, Mayor Champlin expressed that he looks forward to working towards this vision with City Council members.

11. Adjournment.

At 8:00 PM, there being no additional Council business, Councilor Sekou moved approval to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

*A true copy, I attest:*

*Elisabeth Harrington  
Deputy City Clerk*