



March 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher J. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 12:08 PM.

President Louijeune in the chair. All Councilors present.

Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, New Roots AME Church, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting.
Motion prevailed.

0687 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Red Sox Arts and Parks Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will fund arts programming, community events and parks operations across Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events.

0688 Message transmitting certain information under section 17F re: Sidewalk repair deposit and refund (disaggregated), filed on Docket #0340, presented at the January 29, 2025 meeting of the Boston City Council.
Placed on file.

0689 Message transmitting certain information under section 17F re: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date, filed on Docket #0342, presented at the January 29, 2025 meeting of the Boston City Council.
Placed on file.

0690 Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of 318 Metropolitan Avenue, Roslindale, MA, as a Landmark.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
Later in session, Councilor Durkan moved for reconsideration of Docket #0690.

Seconded by Councilor Pepén.

The rules were suspended, the designation was passed.

Councilor Mejia, on behalf of the Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility, submitted the following:

0106 On the message and order, referred on November 20, 2024, Docket #0106, for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029, the committee submitted a report recommending the appointment ought to be confirmed.

The report was accepted; the appointment was confirmed.

0107 On the message and order, referred on November 20, 2024, Docket #0107, for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029, the committee submitted a report recommending that the appointment ought to be confirmed.

The report was accepted; the appointment was confirmed.

0462 On the message and order, referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0462, for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2026, the committee submitted a report recommending that the appointment ought to be confirmed.

The report was accepted; the appointment was confirmed.

Councilor Coletta Zapata, on behalf of the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following:

0548 On the motion and ordinance, to which was referred on February 26, 2025, Docket #0548, Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances Chapter VII Section 7-15, Boston Commemoration Commission, the committee submitted a report recommending that the ordinance ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the ordinance was passed.

0305 Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.

Remains in the Committee on Government Operations.

0325 Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.

Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

0691 **Councilor Durkan, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility.

On motion of Councilor Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Santana and Breadon as original co-sponsors.

On motion of Councilors Durkan, Santana and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0692 **Councilor Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the role of artificial intelligence in improving city services and governance in the City of Boston

Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

0693 **Councilor Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore how the City of Boston can hire laid-off federal workers.

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

0694 **Councilor Louijeune, Worrell, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

0695 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to review the functionality of the Tremont Street Design Project in the South End. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0696 Councilor Breadon, Louijeune, Mejia, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution designating March 16-22, 2025, as “Sunshine Week” in the City of Boston and supporting hybrid meeting access under the Open Meeting Law.
On motion of Councilors Breadon and Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Mejia as an original co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Breadon, Louijeune and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0697 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Dorah Pierre Louis in City Council, effective April 5, 2025.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

The Chair stated in absence of objection, four late file matters would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following items were added:

0715 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Christina Miller as a member of the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel, for a term expiring March 14, 2028.
Placed on file.

0716 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Nancybella Rago, effective March 15, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0717 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Angelique Brutus, Bayle Vines, Ewura Yankah, effective March 22, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0718 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Angelique Brutus, Bayle Vines, Ewura Yankah, effective June 28, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0650 Councilor Durkan called Docket #0650, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kirsten Hoffman as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee, from the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
No objection heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Durkan, the appointment was confirmed.

19/25 Legislative Calendar for March 19, 2025.

The Chair moved adoption of the Consent Agenda containing the following items:

0698 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution in memory of Dean Conway.

0699 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing John Curran.

- 0700** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution congratulating Ingrid Lochard.
- 0701** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Isabella "Bella" Pierre-Louis.
- 0702** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Hilary Fahy Flaherty.
- 0703** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Commanding Officer and Crew of the USS Thomas Hudner.
- 0704** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the New England Gee Poy Kuo Association.
- 0705** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kelly Coyne Conroy.
- 0706** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kristen Donoghue McCosh.
- 0707** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Danny Lynch.
- 0708** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing James Tooley Jr.
- 0709** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tim Doc Cook Scholarship Foundation.
- 0710** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Edgerley Family Boys & Girls Club.
- 0711** Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bangladesh Independence Day.
- 0712** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Brian Yanovitch.
- 0713** Councilor Louijeune and Worrell offered the following: Resolution remembering the life and legacy of Hazel Nell Duke.
- 0714** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in support of Youth Guidance Boston.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:48 P.M. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Nicholas J. Coviello, Ralph "Buddy" Iannelli, Jr., Robert "Robbie" Carrillo, Anna (Ann) Belmonte, Beth Ann Scapicchio, Albert "Buddy" J. Mangini Sr., Ann M. Missett, Viola McCuller, Henry Robinson (father of Shaquera Robinson) and Angela Maxwell-Duverger to meet again on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 12:00 P.M.