



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

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.

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.

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.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

0106 The Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility, to which was referred on November 20, 2024, Docket #0106, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029, submits a report recommending the appointment ought to be confirmed.

0107 The Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility, to which was referred on November 20, 2024, Docket #0107, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029, submits a report recommending that the appointment ought to be confirmed.

0462 The Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility, to which was referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0462, Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2026, submits a report recommending that the appointment ought to be confirmed.

0548 The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on February 26, 2025, Docket #0548, An Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances Chapter VII Section 7-15, Boston Commemoration Commission, submits a report recommending that the docket ought to pass.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

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

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

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

0691 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility.

0692 Councilor Durkan 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

0693 Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore how the City of Boston can hire laid-off federal workers.

0694 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.

0695 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to review the functionality of the Tremont Street Design Project in the South End.

0696 Councilor Breadon and Louijeune 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.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

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

GREEN SHEETS:

19/25 Legislative Calendar for March 19, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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.



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

03-17-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an 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, Red Sox Arts and Parks Program grant, awarded by Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office.

The grant would fund arts programming, community events and parks operations across Boston.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Red Sox Arts and Parks Program grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Boston Red Sox.

WHEREAS, the Boston Red Sox, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Mayor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$350,000.00**) would fund arts programming, community events and parks operations across Boston. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Boston Red Sox, Red Sox Arts and Parks Program grant award not to exceed the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$350,000.00**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 17, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Sidewalk repair deposits and refunds (disaggregated). (**Docket #0340**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 17F RE: SIDEWALK REPAIR DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS (DISAGGREGATED)

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, information relative to sidewalk repairs, deposits, and refunds made by any residents and/or contractors over the past five years. Specifically, I am requesting the following:

1. A comprehensive list of all sidewalk repair deposits made, including the amount of the deposit, the address or location associated with the repair, and the date of the deposit.
 - a. **Included in the attached spreadsheet.**
2. A breakdown of which deposits received refunds, including the amount refunded, the date of the refund and the reason for the refund.
 - a. **Included in the attached spreadsheet. The reason for refunds is passing the PWD Sidewalk/Ramp inspection. The date of the refund is not available in our permitting system.**
3. Disaggregated data that shows the breakdown of deposit refunds by race, income level, and/or any other relevant demographic information available.
 - a. **The only relevant demographic information we have on deposits is the self-reported neighborhood. That has been included in the attached spreadsheet.**
4. A copy of any policies or procedures related to the return of deposits, including how those policies ensure fairness and transparency in the return process.
 - a. **Our return policy can be found on the 2nd page of each sidewalk deposit, pasted below, and on our webpage here. We provide deposit holders with our current inspection checklist ahead of time for full transparency and fairness in the inspection process.**

In December 2024, Public Works also launched a process to return long outstanding deposits by reminding deposit holders of their old deposits. At the time, the City had thousands of abandoned sidewalk deposits dating back to 2012, where the individuals/entities that made the deposits failed to request an inspection per our policy. Launching this process has created a large backlog of sidewalk inspections and refund requests, and we are working diligently to process, inspect and refund hundreds of deposits in the coming months.

1. In the event that the project extends beyond the number of days indicated on this Permit, it is the Permittee's responsibility to secure an extension of this Sidewalk Deposit Permit.
2. The Permittee must notify PWD of job completion (including sidewalk restoration) by submitting a request for return of deposit either in writing or on the Public Works' return of deposit portal within three (3) months of permit expiration. In no event shall the Permittee notify PWD of job completion more than three months after the expiration of this Permit, unless Permittee has already secured an extension of this Permit. The passage of time will prevent the PWD from determining whether it timely and properly met its obligations under this permit, thus if a Permittee fails to provide PWD with timely notice of completion and request for the return of the Restoration Fee it will forfeit its right to the return of its deposit. If the permittee does not notify PWD of job completion within three (3) months of permit expiration, PWD will notify the permittee that unless a request for return is submitted within an additional three (3) months, the deposit will be forfeited to be used by PWD for sidewalk work.
3. PWD will inspect the sidewalk as restored by Permittee. If the inspection determines that the sidewalk has been restored in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Specifications for Excavation Activity within the City of Boston, the City will return the Restoration Fee to the party that deposited it.
4. If PWD determines that the sidewalk has not been restored in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Specifications for Excavation Activity within the City of Boston, it will provide written notice of any violations or deviations to the Permittee. The Permittee shall repair the sidewalk within one (1) year of receipt of the written notice and inform PWD when the repairs are complete.
5. PWD will again inspect the sidewalk as restored by Permittee. If the second inspection determines that the sidewalk has been restored in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Specifications for Excavation Activity within the City of Boston, the City will return the Restoration Fee to the party that deposited it. If PWD determines that the sidewalk has not been restored properly, it shall be under no obligation to conduct additional inspections to allow for the return of the Restoration Fee, but it may do so in its discretion. In exercising such discretion, PWD will consider the magnitude of remaining violations and Permittee's plans for addressing them.
6. In the event that a Permittee does not restore the sidewalk in accordance with the Rules and Specifications for Excavation Activity Within the City of Boston before the second inspection provided for above, or any further inspections that PWD agrees in its discretion to perform, the City shall retain the Sidewalk Deposit to compensate it for the costs that such improper restoration place on the City's ongoing maintenance and restoration of sidewalks.
7. The City's right to retain a Restoration Fee is not an exclusive remedy, and the City retains rights to enforce compliance with the terms of this Permit through any other mechanism set forth in this Permit or available to it under any other law or authority.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 17, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. (**Docket #0342**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 17F RE: MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN DISTRICT 7 FROM 2020 TO DATE.

WHEREAS: The state of streets, sidewalks, and road infrastructure plays a critical role in ensuring the safety, accessibility, and overall quality of life for the residents of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: District 7, home to historically underserved communities, experiences significant disparities in infrastructure maintenance, with many streets, sidewalks, and potholes in need of repair; *and*

WHEREAS: A comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the condition of streets, sidewalks, and potholes throughout District 7 is essential for prioritizing repairs, allocating resources equitably, and planning long-term infrastructure improvements; *and*

WHEREAS: Ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the allocation of public works resources is a vital component of good governance; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, information relative to maintenance and improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. Specifically, I am requesting a comprehensive breakdown including the following details:

- 1. A current inventory of all streets and sidewalks within District 7, specifying locations where repairs are needed or scheduled and what the repairs are for;**

Please find below a full list of work that is planned in District 7 in 2025. Work in D7 for 2025 reflects a range of project types including state of good repair work, safety-focused investments, public space improvements, and more. Because repaving work in particular is challenging to evaluate in isolation because of the need to coordinate around a wide range of utility and other construction conflicts in any given year, we are also providing an overview of repaving work that has been completed in recent years.

Streets tentatively scheduled for repaving in D7 in 2025 are listed below. These are subject to change based on utility, construction, and other conflicts. As part of repaving projects, all curb ramps within the repaving segments are upgraded to meet ADA compliance.

- Dudley St from Blue Hill Ave to Shirley St
- Dudley St from Shirley St to East Cottage St
- Massachusetts Ave from Melnea Cass Blvd to Harrison Ave
- Quincy St from Blue Hill Ave to Warren St
- Warren St (NB) from Woodbine St to Moreland St
- West Newton St from Columbus Ave to Huntington Ave

The Streets Cabinet has completed 51 resurfacing, overlay, and reconstruction projects in D7 since 2020, including:

Project	Project Type	Project Year
American Leg Hwy SB from Blue Hill Ave SB to Canterbury St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
Circuit St from Walnut Ave to Washington St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
East Cottage St from Dudley St to Norfolk Ave*	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
Humboldt Ave from Martin L King Jr Blvd WB to Seaver St NB	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
Moreland St from Warren St NB to Blue Hill Ave	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
Warren St from Elm Hill Ave to Blue Hill Ave SB	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
Washington St from Dudley St to Dale St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
West Cottage St from Dudley St to Brook Ave	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
West Springfield St from Tremont St to Columbus Ave	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
Winthrop St from Warren St NB to Greenville St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2024
Copeland St from Burton Ave to Langford Park	Roadway Reconstruction	2024
Moreland St from Montrose St to Copeland St	Roadway Reconstruction	2024
Mt Pleasant Ave from Forest St to Mt Pleasant Ter	Roadway Reconstruction	2024
Deacon St from Worcester St to West Concord St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2023
Tremont St from Davenport St to St Cyprians PI	Asphalt Resurfacing	2023

Project	Project Type	Project Year
Washington St from Melnea Cass Blvd to Eustis St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2023
Worcester St from Washington St to Tremont St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2023
Tremont St from Arlington St Bp to Massachusetts Ave*	Roadway Reconstruction	2023
Ceylon St from Bird St to Quincy St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2022
Forest Hills St from Glen Rd to Williams St*	Asphalt Resurfacing	2022
Parker St from Huntington Ave to Ruggles St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2022
Bower St from Walnut Ave to Walnut Ave	Roadway Overlay	2022
Clifton St from Shirley St to Marshfield St	Roadway Overlay	2022
Crestwood Park from Townsend St to Townsend St	Roadway Overlay	2022
Harold St from Hollander St to Waumbek St	Roadway Overlay	2022
Maple St from Georgia St to Seaver St NB	Roadway Overlay	2022
Prescott St from Eustis St to Dubois St	Roadway Overlay	2022
Warren St from Holborn St to Wabon St	Roadway Overlay	2022
Ruggles St from Washington St to Tremont St	Roadway Reconstruction	2022
Washington St from Eustis St to Warren St	Roadway Reconstruction	2022
Ball St from Shawmut Ave to Washington St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2021
Columbus Ave NB from Centre St to Walnut St*	Asphalt Resurfacing	2021
Columbus Ave SB from Centre St to Walnut St*	Asphalt Resurfacing	2021
Elmore St from Washington St to Walnut Ave	Asphalt Resurfacing	2021
Kensington St from Dead End to Elmore St	Asphalt Resurfacing	2021
Melnea Cass Blvd from Albany St to Harrison Ave	Asphalt Resurfacing	2021
West Canton St from Tremont St to Public Alley 543*	Asphalt Resurfacing	2021
Sherman St from Rockland St to Dale St	Roadway Overlay	2021
Southwood St from Blue Hill Ave to Edgewood St	Roadway Overlay	2021
Dudley St from Washington St to Harrison Ave	Roadway Reconstruction	2021
Marcella St from Highland St to Highland St	Roadway Reconstruction	2021
Warren St NB from Dudley St to Kearsarge Ave	Roadway Reconstruction	2021
Warren St SB from Dudley St to St James St	Roadway Reconstruction	2021
Benton St from Tremont St to Columbus Ave	Roadway Overlay	2020
Blanchard St from Bartlett St to Norfolk St	Roadway Overlay	2020
Regent St from Circuit St to Dale St	Roadway Overlay	2020
Rockville Park East from Warren St NB to Dead End	Roadway Overlay	2020

Project	Project Type	Project Year
Rutland St from Shawmut Ave to Tremont St	Roadway Overlay	2020
Townsend St from Walnut Ave to Crestwood Park	Roadway Overlay	2020
Wabon St from Warren St to Wabeno St	Roadway Overlay	2020
Wakullah St from Rockland St to Dale St	Roadway Overlay	2020

*Project is partially outside D7

Though not likely to begin in 2025, several streets in D7 are currently in design for full reconstruction to bring the street into a state of good repair. For these projects, all curb ramps are reconstructed to meet ADA guidelines, the roadbed is rehabilitated, and sidewalks are repaired. As part of these projects, safety measures, street lighting, and street trees are also evaluated and incorporated into the designs, as appropriate.

- Camden Street from Shawmut Avenue to Tremont Street
- George Street from Hampden Street to Magazine Street
- Ritchie Street from Marcella Street to Columbus Avenue

Several larger capital projects Streets Cabinet capital projects in D7 have either been recently completed, are actively in construction, or will soon begin construction. These projects include:

- Lower Roxbury Neighborhood Safety Improvements (construction start 2025)
- Amory Street Extension (active construction)
- Moreland Ave. and Mount Pleasant Ave. NSS (completed 2024)
- Ruggles Street Reconstruction (completed 2023)
- Tremont Street Design Project (completed 2023)

In addition to these larger capital projects, the Streets Cabinet’s Safety Surge Program will continue to make systematic safety improvements throughout D7 (and the rest of the City) through the implementation of speed hump zones. To date, five speed hump zones in D7 have been completed, and three additional are anticipated for completion in 2025.

To meet our legal requirement to reconstruct an average of 1,630 accessible curb ramps every year until all curb ramps in the City meet ADA standards, a significant portion of our construction work each year focuses on ramps. This work is organized by zone/neighborhood to create design and construction efficiencies. This year, one of the zones for ramp reconstruction includes portions of D7. As part of this work, the Streets Cabinet will assess 47 intersections (over 140 individual ramps) with non ADA-compliant ramps in the area bounded by Boylston Street, Mass. Avenue, the MBTA Orange Line/Commuter Rail tracks, Tremont Street, Parker Street, Ward Street, Huntington Avenue, Forsyth Street, and Hemenway Street.

2. A comprehensive list of potholes in District 7, including the dates they were reported, the dates of any repairs made, and locations pending repair;

The Streets Cabinet has pulled the roadway defects reported to 311 between 1/1/2024 and 1/29/2025: [📄 Export_Full_Results_20250129194119_combine](#)

The sheet shows that there were 591 pothole requests in that time, with 586 closed. This data represents a snapshot in time. We close our pothole requests within an average of 24 hours, so any that are open on any given day will likely be closed the next. Additionally, when our highway team goes out to fill a pothole, they will identify roadway defects that are near the reported pothole and fill those as well. Therefore, we estimate that over the course of the year, thousands of potholes were filled in D7, over and above what is reflected in the 311 data.

3. A detailed outline of the criteria and processes used for prioritizing and scheduling street and sidewalk repairs;

Street Reconstructions: Street Reconstructions provide a full rehabilitation of streets, including sidewalks, curb ramps, lighting, traffic signals, bus stops, and roadway surface, and the opportunity to add or modify green infrastructure, street trees, utility locations, and street geometry. Through this work, we address deteriorating roadway and sidewalk conditions while simultaneously leveraging each project to construct incremental but important improvements that contribute to our city wide goals for curb ramps, green infrastructure, and safety.

Streets selected for this work currently come from a prioritized list of streets that considered proximity to community destinations and public transit, the high crash network, street classification, and pavement condition. A combination of quantitative scoring based on the criteria above and direct constituent requests were factored into this prioritized list. While we intend to complete work that is already in motion as a result of this prioritization, future locations for Street Reconstructions will be prioritized in conjunction with other state of good repair workstreams including ramp and sidewalk repair and roadway resurfacing in order to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of all state-of-good-repair projects.

Resurfacing: With over 800 miles of public roadway in the City, there are always a greater number of streets that need repaving and maintenance than can be completed in any given year. In any given year, resurfacing candidates are selected based on known pavement quality issues, constituent requests, clearance of utility work, consideration of other

ongoing capital projects, and opportunities to be responsive to the City's safety and mobility needs.

Ramp and Sidewalk Reconstructions: Sidewalk and Ramp Reconstruction work includes the design and construction of ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps as well as state-of-good-repair work on sidewalks. In addition to being a fundamental prerequisite to achieving our safety, accessibility, and equity goals, this work is legally-mandated: Section 5 of the City's Consent Decree requires the City build a minimum average of 1,630 ramps annually until all 25,000+ ramps in the City meet modern accessibility requirements. Priority for curb ramp and sidewalk repair is completed in accordance with Section 8.2 and Section 10 of the Consent Decree.

4. A summary of the budget and resources allocated for street, sidewalk, and pothole repair work in District 7, including a timeline and an analysis of whether current funding is sufficient to meet identified infrastructure needs.

The Streets Cabinet budget is organized by the type of work rather than the location of the work and we are unable to disaggregate a full cost breakdown for street, sidewalk, and pothole repair by neighborhood or council district.

The total amount that the City spent on roadway repaving (along with the relevant pedestrian ramps) in 2024 was approximately \$27.1M. The total amount that the City spent on standalone sidewalk and ramp reconstruction in 2024 was \$13.4M. An estimate of our asphalt patches and pothole repair costs in 2024 was \$100K. We anticipate similar investments in roadway resurfacing and ramp/sidewalk reconstruction in 2025.

While we have been increasing our investment in the state of good repair work and staff capacity greatly in recent years, the City fell behind during the pandemic and therefore has a backlog of work and staff capacity to meet the work. We will continue to invest heavily in the state of good repair efforts in the coming years to improve the longevity and maintenance of our resources for years to come.

Filed on: January 29, 2025



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

March 17, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of the Petition #293.24, 318 Metropolitan Avenue, Roslindale, MA, as a Landmark.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on March 11, 2025 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed March 14, 2025.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (April 13, 2025), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

cc Kathy Kottaridis, Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

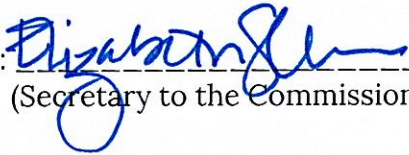
PROPERTY: 318 Metropolitan Avenue, Roslindale, Boston, MA

STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section titled "Standards and Criteria" included in the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: **3/11/2025**

Signature: 
(Secretary to the Commission)


PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

Date: **MAR 14 2025**

DECISION OF THE MAYOR:

Approved Disapproved

Date: **MAR 17 2025**

Signature: 
(Mayor)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY THE MAYOR:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Date: **MAR 19 2025**

DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approved Disapproved

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: 318 Metropolitan Avenue, Roslindale, Boston, MA

VOTED: That on March 11, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates 318 Metropolitan Avenue as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

Celina Barrios-Millner	Felicia Jacques	Justine Orlando
John Freeman	Senam Kumahia	Fadi Samaha
Jeffrey Heyne	Lindsey MacJones	Brad Walker

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

318 Metropolitan Avenue is a particularly fine example of the asymmetrical massing, wrap-around porch, and window detailing of the Queen Anne style combined with the Doric columns and triangular pedimented portico of the Colonial Revival style. The house is prominently sited on a corner lot, and is one of the grandest in the neighborhood. It is a fascinating case study in architectural alteration as it was cut into two pieces in 1943, and the eastern portion was moved around the corner to 44 Maynard Street. The house is also notable for its unusually intact and well-preserved interior elements, which provide a precious glimpse into the past.

The earliest owners of the house at 318 Metropolitan Avenue include two prominent local families: the Foxes and the Carrolls. Albert Fox was an important figure in newspaper advertising in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and his daughter Blanche Hamilton Fox was an international opera star whose European and American performances were reported on by papers across the United States. Francis Carroll, the patriarch of the family that bought the house from the Foxes, was a close ally of Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, serving in a number of appointed roles including as a Fire Safety Commissioner.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 318 Metropolitan Avenue, parcel number 1804809001.

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BOSTON, MA



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk, City of Boston
Boston City Hall - Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

March 12, 2025

RE: Petition #293.24 – 318 Metropolitan Avenue, Roslindale

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On March 11, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate 318 Metropolitan Avenue in Roslindale as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission’s statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor approves the designation, they sign and date the provided signature page. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they return the signature page to the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

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The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

March 12, 2025

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Dear Mayor Wu:

On March 11, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate 318 Metropolitan Avenue in Roslindale as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

318 Metropolitan Avenue is owned by Adam Shutes and Vissia Viglietta, who both testified to their enthusiastic support of the designation at the Landmarks Commission Hearing. Their house at 318 Metropolitan Avenue is a particularly fine example of the asymmetrical massing, wrap-around porch, and window detailing of the Queen Anne style combined with the Doric columns and triangular pedimented portico of the Colonial Revival style. The house is prominently sited on a corner lot, and is one of the grandest in the neighborhood. It is a fascinating case study in architectural alteration as it was cut into two pieces in 1943, and the eastern portion was moved around the corner to 44 Maynard Street. The house is also notable for its unusually intact and well-preserved interior elements, which provide a precious glimpse into the past.

The earliest owners of the house at 318 Metropolitan Avenue include two prominent local families: the Foxes and the Carrolls. Albert Fox was an important figure in newspaper advertising in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and his daughter Blanche Hamilton Fox was an international opera star whose European and American performances were reported on by papers across the United States. Francis Carroll, the patriarch of the family that bought the house from the Foxes, was a close ally of Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, serving in a number of appointed roles including as a Fire Safety Commissioner.

The study report contains Standards and Criteria that have been prepared to guide future physical changes to the property in order to protect its integrity and character.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of 318 Metropolitan Avenue as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

November 18, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Samantha Riemer of 66 Saint Rose Street, #1, Boston, MA 02130 as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring on November 9, 2029. I am appointing Samantha Riemer pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Chapter 190, Section 14 of the Acts of 1982, as restated in Section 55 of the City Charter and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Samantha Riemer as a member of the Audit Committee. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

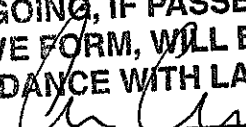
Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMANTHA RIEMER TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Chapter 190, Section 14 of the Acts of 1982, as restated in Section 55 of the City Charter, the appointment of Samantha Riemer of 66 Saint Rose Street, #1, Boston, MA 02130, as a member of the Audit Committee of the City of Boston, for a term ending November 9, 2029, be, and hereby is, approved.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**
BY 
**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL** *KMW*



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on
Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility
Julia Mejia, Chair

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

March 13, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0106, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.

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These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and were referred to the Committee on November 20, 2024.

Docket #0462, Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2026.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on February 12, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Dockets #0106, #0107, and #0462 pertain to the confirmation and reconfirmation of Samantha Riemer (Docket #0106), Janet Peguero (#0107), and Lawrence DiCara (#0462) to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee was established by the Acts of 1982 to monitor and review the annual audit of the accounts of the City, which is performed annually by an independent, certified public accounting firm.

The term expiration dates of the nominees are as follows: Samantha Riemer (November 9, 2029), Janet Peguero (October 27, 2029), and Lawrence DiCara (November 9, 2026).

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a virtual hearing on Thursday, March 13, 2025 to discuss Dockets #0106, #0107 and #0462. The Committee heard testimony from Janet Peguero, Lawrence DiCara, and Samantha Riemer. The appointees responded to questions from the Councilors regarding their credentials, qualifications, relevant experience, background, areas of expertise, and on the independence, rationale, and criteria that they would exercise and account for when making decisions. All the appointees were experienced, dedicated, and qualified individuals.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility, I recommend moving the listed dockets from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal



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action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these reappointments and appointments **OUGHT TO BE CONFIRMED.**

Julia Mejia, Chair
Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

November 18, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Janet Peguero of 23 Grassmere Road, Boston, MA 02136 as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring on October 27, 2029. I am appointing Janet Peguero pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Chapter 190, Section 14 of the Acts of 1982, as restated in Section 55 of the City Charter and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Janet Peguero as a member of the Audit Committee. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

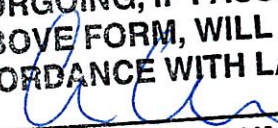
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Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JANET PEGUERO TO THE
AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Chapter 190, Section 14 of the Acts of 1982, as restated in Section 55 of the City Charter, the appointment of Janet Peguero of 23 Grassmere Road, Boston, MA 02136, as a member of the Audit Committee of the City of Boston, for a term ending October 27, 2029, be, and hereby is, approved.

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Julia Mejia, Chair
Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility



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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 10, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara of 35 Burroughs Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring on November 9, 2026. I am reappointing Lawrence DiCara pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Chapter 190, Section 14 of the Acts of 1982, as restated in Section 55 of the City Charter and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara as a member of the Audit Committee. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LAWRENCE DICARA TO THE
AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.**

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Julia Mejia, Chair
Committee on Post Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA, RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, BREADON, DURKAN, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, PEPÉN, WEBER AND WORRELL



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CITY OF BOSTON CODE,
ORDINANCES CHAPTER VII
SECTION 7-15**

WHEREAS: Boston has the opportunity to use the upcoming 250th anniversary of 1776 in 2026, the upcoming 400th anniversary of the founding of Boston in 2030, and other significant historical anniversaries for all our local communities to tell the full range of our history, including the struggles and accomplishments of Boston’s Indigenous, Black, immigrant, womens’, and LGBTQ+ communities who are too often left out of the official narrative; *and*

WHEREAS: The organization Revolutionary Spaces recently modeled such an approach with its commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the 1770 Boston Massacre, which centered on the diverse individuals who were killed and resulted in the commission of a new play about Crispus Attucks by Boston-based playwright Miranda ADEkoje; *and*

WHEREAS: Bostonians like George Middleton — an African-American who built the oldest standing house on Beacon Hill, served in the American Revolution, and pushed for equal school rights for Black children as early as 1800 — were central to the early days of the Republic and ought to be better known; *and*

WHEREAS: Upcoming anniversaries provide Boston with an opportunity to both plan commemorative events and update local and state laws concerning historic buildings in ways that marshal investment and attention to more fully preserve and honor a history that includes all Bostonians, not only white, affluent, and well-known historical figures; *and*

WHEREAS: Creating tourism, events, and exhibits around historically significant anniversaries can help to boost the local economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and if planning is inclusive and intentional, the City can ensure local, minority, women, and LGBTQ+ owned businesses in every neighborhood are promoted and able to benefit, as will the diverse community of local hospitality workers; *and*

WHEREAS: Exhibits in the Boston Public Library’s branch libraries and engaging local historical curricula in the Boston Public Schools afford the opportunity to make every Bostonian feel ownership over and connection to the City’s history in its

full depth and diversity, and to expose young people to the empowering and enriching possibilities of historical research and narrative; *and*

WHEREAS: For us to truly preserve all of Boston’s history, our City’s mechanisms for historic preservation and our inventories of Boston’s physical history must be revamped so as to ensure that less well-resourced areas are also receiving preservation attention and protection; *and*

WHEREAS: To make the best use of this opportunity to revitalize and revolutionize our approach to our local history, and to leverage related available federal, state, and private funds, Boston must begin the conversations now and establish a Boston Commemoration Commission to lay out a road-map for the next ten years leading up to the City’s 400th anniversary; *and*

WHEREAS: Reforming the Commemoration Commission is necessary to accomplish these goals in an orderly and efficient manner; ***NOW THEREFORE***

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1.

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter VII, Section 7-15 is hereby amended by replacing the existing section 7-15, *Boston Commemoration Commission* and replacing it with the following new section and subsections.

7-15 Boston Commemoration Commission.

7-15.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the Boston Commemoration Commission. The Commission is herein tasked with developing and executing a plan to mark upcoming historical anniversaries, including but not limited to the United States Sestercentennial (250th) in 2026 and the 400th anniversary of the founding of the City of Boston in 2030, while investing in inclusive and robust historical resources and preservation tools. The intent of this ordinance is to ensure that the many diverse community voices and organizations who steward Boston’s history and the City departments with responsibilities related to historical narrative, exhibits, curricula, archives, preservation, and event-planning are all able to work together to deepen the public opportunities to engage with that history, in collaboration with state and federal partners. This ordinance affirms that our diverse and intertwined community histories are of great value to the City of Boston and its residents, that historical tourism should be a driver of true shared prosperity, that inclusive and honest historical memory is a crucial public good worthy of attention and resources, and that communities all over the City should have the tools and resources to research, preserve, acknowledge, and celebrate their history.

7-15.2 Establishing the Boston Commemoration Commission.

The Boston Commemoration Commission will include members appointed by the Mayor, including:

1. One (1) member who represents a tourism-related Boston business outside downtown
2. One (1) member who represents a tourism-related Boston business in the downtown area
3. One (1) member from the Boston Chamber of Commerce
4. One (1) member from The Boston Foundation
5. One (1) member from the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership
6. One (1) member from Embrace Boston
7. One (1) members who is an archivist and is seeking to preserve a diverse history
8. One (1) member who is a digital archivist or preservation specialist seeking to preserve a diverse history
9. One (1) member from a non-profit institution with major Boston historical holdings
10. One (1) member representing a neighborhood with a Historic District
11. One (1) member involved in history in a Boston neighborhood without a Local Historic District
12. One (1) member affiliated with the North American Indian Center of Boston
13. One (1) member from the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag
14. One (1) member from the Museum of African American History
15. One (1) member with an expertise in local Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) history
16. One (1) member with an expertise in local Indigenous history
17. One (1) member with an expertise in local Black history
18. One (1) member with an expertise in local European immigrant history
19. One (1) member with an expertise in local Latinx history
20. One (1) member with an expertise in local women's history
21. One (1) member with an expertise in local LGBTQ+ history
22. One (1) member with an expertise in local intellectual history
23. One (1) member from the Massachusetts Historical Society
24. One (1) member from the Boston Preservation Alliance
25. One (1) member from Revolutionary Spaces
26. One (1) member from the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau
27. One (1) member who is a hospitality worker
28. One (1) member of the Boston Legislative Delegation
29. One (1) member of the Boston City Council

And the following members, ex-officio:

- 30-32. One (1) member from National Parks of Boston, representing the Boston National Historic Park, the Boston African American National Historic Site, and the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area

And the following people or their designees, ex officio:

33. Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion
34. Chief of Arts and Culture
35. The City Archivist
36. The City Archaeologist
37. President of the Boston Public Library
38. Director of the Office of Historic Preservation
39. Collector-Treasurer, as steward of the Community Preservation Trust Fund

The Boston Commemoration Commission may be advised by stakeholder groups structured by theme, including but not limited to: (1) Events, Exhibits, and Trails, (2) Timelines, Archives, and Curricula, and (3) Legislation and Preservation Tools. The Commission may establish additional stakeholder groups as it deems appropriate. These stakeholder groups shall take no official votes, shall consist of any persons the Commission may wish to invite, shall meet on a schedule determined by the Commission and regardless of whether a majority of invitees can attend, and may only share ideas and recommendations in a nonbinding fashion with the Commission.

The City shall assign the equivalent of two (2) full-time staff with these staff persons to be drawn from such City departments as may be most appropriate.

The Boston Commemoration Commission's full meetings will be open for any organizational member of Revolution 250 and/or of state-level Commissions focused on commemorating Massachusetts history to attend.

The Boston Commemoration Commission members shall serve without compensation. Members will elect a Chair or Co-Chairs for the Boston Commemoration Commission every two years with a simple majority vote.

The Boston Commemoration Commission will exist until June 30, 2031.

The Boston Commemoration Commission shall first convene within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this ordinance. Should there be a vacancy or resignation in any of the above positions, the Mayor will appoint a new representative from another equally relevant office or organization within ninety (90) days. Members of the Boston Commemoration Commission will remain members as long as the Commission exists or unless voted to be removed by a majority vote of the Commission.

7-15.3 Responsibilities and Authorities of the Boston Commemoration Commission.

The primary responsibility of the Boston Commemoration Commission is to advise the Mayor and relevant departments on making Boston's celebrations of significant upcoming historic anniversaries, as well as Boston's preservation policies and tools, robust and inclusive of all history, including the history of Indigenous, Black, immigrant, LGBTQ+, women, and other historically marginalized communities. The Boston Commemoration Commission will provide the Mayor and relevant departments with reports and recommended actions for: a) commemorating upcoming historical anniversaries that are significant to Boston, b) collaborating

with state-level commemoration and historic commissions, c) ensuring that the City applies in a timely and robust fashion for any available Federal or State funds, and d) recommending how to collaborate with state-level and regional commemoration efforts.

This Commission will meet quarterly. Additional meetings may be held to work on specific issues as they relate to the overall work of this Commission. The Commission will file a bi-annual (every 6 months) progress report of findings and recommendations with the Clerk to update the City and community. Any plans, timelines, and proposals presented by the Commission to the Clerk may be adjusted and refined by vote of the Commission over the course of its existence.

At any point, the Commission may be called upon to testify to and update the City Council on their progress.

If the Commission determines necessary, the Commission is authorized to continue meeting beyond June 30, 2031, provided the Commission continues to provide bi-annual reports to the Clerk.

The Commission reports submitted to the Clerk and any documents pertaining to the governing of the Commission will be publicly available.

Section 2.

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

Section 3.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Filed on: February 26, 2025



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Government Operations
Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

March 19, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0548, An Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances Chapter VII Section 7-15.

This matter was sponsored by Councilors Gabriela Coletta Zapata and Ruthzee Louijeune and referred to the Committee on February 26, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0548 is a proposed amendment to the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter VII, Section 7-15, to replace the existing section with the language therein. The proposed ordinance revises the existing ordinance, establishing the Boston Commemoration Commission by restructuring and reducing its membership, modifying its leadership and meeting structure, and shifting its role from implementation to advisory.

The proposed ordinance formally establishes the Boston Commemoration Commission as amended and defines its revised structure and membership. Under the proposed ordinance, the Commission will consist of 39 members, as opposed to 44. This reduction is due to the removal of specific ex-officio positions, including the Superintendent of Boston Public Schools, the Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space, the Executive Director and Chair of the Landmarks Commission, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, and the Director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency. The proposed ordinance also reduces the number of National Parks of Boston representatives from three to one, adds a seat for Embrace Boston, replaces the Chief of Economic Development with the Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, and introduces the Director of the Office of Historic Preservation as an ex-officio member. Under the new ordinance, the Commission will consist of members representing tourism-related businesses in and outside downtown, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, The Boston Foundation, the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, and Embrace Boston. It shall also include a hospitality worker, a member of the Boston Legislative Delegation, and a member of the Boston City Council, as well as members with expertise in archival preservation, digital preservation, and Boston's diverse history, including local Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) history, Indigenous history, Black history, European immigrant history, Latinx history, women's history, LGBTQ+ history, and intellectual history. Further, there shall be representation from institutions such as the Museum of African American History, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Boston Preservation Alliance, Revolutionary Spaces, and the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau. The ex-officio members shall include representatives from the National Parks of Boston, the Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the Chief of Arts and Culture, the City Archivist, the City Archaeologist, the President of the Boston Public Library, the Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, and the Collector-Treasurer as steward of the Community Preservation Trust Fund.



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The proposed ordinance also modifies leadership and meeting requirements, allowing the Commission to elect a Chair or Co-Chairs every two years, as opposed to electing a single Chair annually. Additionally, stakeholder groups replace formal subcommittees. These stakeholder groups shall not take official votes but may share ideas and recommendations in a nonbinding fashion. The stakeholder groups shall be structured by theme, including but not limited to Events, Exhibits, and Trails; Timelines, Archives, and Curricula; and Legislation and Preservation Tools. The ordinance states that the City shall assign the equivalent of two full-time staff to support the Commission. The Commission's full meetings shall be open to any organizational member of Revolution 250 and/or of state-level Commissions focused on commemorating Massachusetts history. Under the proposed ordinance, members shall continue to serve without compensation shall serve for the duration of the Commission's existence unless removed by a majority vote. If a vacancy arises, the Mayor shall appoint a new representative from another equally relevant office or organization within ninety (90) days.

Finally, under the proposed ordinance, the Commission's role is also adjusted to focus its efforts on providing guidance and recommendations on historical anniversaries, collaboration with state commissions, and funding opportunities. While the existing ordinance assigns the Commission responsibility for developing and executing commemorative plans, proposing legislative and preservation tools, and conducting a citywide historic building survey, the proposed ordinance positions the Commission as an advisory body that supports and informs these efforts rather than overseeing their implementation. Shifting the Commission's role in this way will allow the Commission to concentrate on offering expertise, fostering collaboration, and ensuring that preservation initiatives align with the City's broader goals. However, despite this shift, the requirement to submit bi-annual progress reports remains in place to ensure continued accountability and transparency. By transitioning to a more advisory role, the Commission is better positioned to guide historical preservation efforts while allowing City departments and partners to carry out implementation effectively.

The Commission may continue beyond June 30, 2031, provided it continues submitting reports, whereas the existing language in the Code does not specify this condition. The ordinance does not mandate an automatic extension but allows the Commission to continue operations as needed.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
Committee on Government Operations

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON, DURKAN, FITZGERALD,
MURPHY, PEPÉN, SANTANA, WEBER, WORRELL AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE AND AMENDMENT TO THE BOSTON
MUNICIPAL CODE IN REGARD TO MEASURING
RACIAL EQUITY IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, People of color in Boston and throughout the nation have faced entrenched and historic barriers to homeownership for generations; *and*

WHEREAS, Nationally, the homeownership rate for Black Americans is 42 percent, for Hispanic/Latino Americans 46 percent, while the homeownership rate for white Americans is 73 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, the homeownership rate is lower than the national rate, with Black homeownership rates at 30 percent, Hispanic/Latino residents at 17 percent, and white residents at 44 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, Homeownership is the primary way that most families build wealth and pass it down from one generation to the next; *and*

WHEREAS, On average, white families in Boston have a net worth of \$247,000, while African American families in Boston only have an average of eight dollars of wealth; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Black resident's poverty rate is 23 percent, Roxbury's rate much higher at 34 percent, Hispanic/Latino resident's poverty rate is 35 percent, while white resident's poverty rate is 13 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, In Boston, Black mortgage applicants are three times more likely, and Hispanic/Latino are twice as likely to be denied a mortgage than white applicants, while they are 2.5 times more likely to be denied a mortgage for property in the predominantly Black neighborhoods such as Roxbury and Mattapan compared to white neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's high cost of housing has made the city the second most expensive place in America where the typical home price has increased from \$393,000 in 2015 to \$599,000 in 2021; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's high cost of housing has also affected the typical rent, which has increased from \$2,148 in 2015 to \$2,590 in 2021, which steadily forces Black and

Brown residents out of the city in search of cheaper places to live; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2000, Latinos made up the single largest ethnic group in Jamaica Plain, however, since then their population has decreased by over 2,000, with a corresponding increase in Non-Hispanic white residents, who are better situated to afford the increasing cost of housing; *and*

WHEREAS, In 1990, 79 percent of Roxbury residents were Black, and now only 53 percent of residents are Black, while the white population has quadrupled over that time from 3 percent to 12 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, First-time homebuyers and young professionals of means move into neighborhoods like Roxbury to purchase homes that their multigenerational renting neighbors of color are unable to afford and further increase the cost of housing; *and*

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon Boston to measure how developments in affordable housing have assisted Black and Brown residents, who are less likely to own their homes, more likely to live in poverty, and most affected by rampant gentrification and increasing housing costs, making them the most logical beneficiaries of affordable housing in Boston; ***NOW, THEREFORE***

Be it ordained by the City of Boston, as follows:

That the City of Boston Municipal Code, Ordinances be amended in Chapter X by adding the following after 10-11.7:

Section 10-12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING EQUITY REPORT.

Section 10-12.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance shall be for the measurement and dissemination of how affordable housing is affecting racial equity, and to make sure affordable housing is decreasing racial inequity.

Section 10-12.2 Definitions.

- a. *Acceptance* means being invited to, or receiving an offer from the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing to move in, lease, rent, reside in, or otherwise occupy any Affordable Housing;
- b. *Affordable Housing* means any and all housing owned, managed or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority, or Mayor's Office of Housing, and any and all leased housing or voucher programs that are owned, managed, or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing;
- c. *Applicant* means any and all persons, families, or anyone applying for any and all programs or housing offered, owned, managed, or otherwise overseen by the Boston Housing Authority or Mayor's Office of Housing.

Section 10-12.3 Reporting.

- a. The Administering Agency shall prepare and submit to the Mayor and the City Council an Equity report on Affordable Housing within the city that includes the following information without name or any other personal identifying information:
 - i. the number of applications received by the city for Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - ii. the number of applicants that were accepted to move into Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence previous to residing in said Affordable Housing;
 - iii. the number of Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) requests to the state disaggregated by race;
 - iv. the average amount of time spent waiting for acceptance into an Affordable Housing unit, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - v. the average amount of time spent waiting for denial for an Affordable Housing unit, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - vi. the amount of time residents of Affordable Housing have resided in the said Affordable Housing disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and applicant neighborhood of residence;
 - vii. the number of residents of Affordable Housing, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and Affordable Housing site, who have participated in, and received assistance from the following programs;
 1. ONE+Boston;
 2. Mayor's Office of Housing, First-time Homebuyers Program;
 3. Allston-Brighton Homeownership Program;
 4. Saving Toward Affordable Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) Program;
 5. Enhancing Economic Self-Sufficiency (EESS) Program;
 6. Housing and Stabilizing Chronically Homeless with Supports and Employment (HSCHE) Program;
 7. Linking Treatment to Housing Program;
 8. Leading the Way Home Program;
 - viii. the number of applicants to Affordable Housing assigned preference or priority, disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence, further categorized by;
 1. Federal Housing Program, Super Priority;
 2. Federal Housing Program, Supported Housing Programs;
 3. Federal Housing Program, Priority One;
 4. BHA Resident in Federal Housing Pro-Rated rent burden;
 5. Designated Housing not requiring Wheelchair Accessible units;
 6. Displaced Boston Tenant;
 7. Residency Preference;

- ix. the number of new homeowners in Boston disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence;
- x. the number of new renters in Boston disaggregated by age, race, gender, size of family, income, and neighborhood of residence;
- b. Such a report shall be submitted one year following passage of this ordinance, and every year thereafter.

Section 10-12.4 Enforcement.

Enforcement of this section may be by written warning and/or non-criminal disposition fines as provided in MGL, Chapter 40, Section 21D, provided that this section shall not preclude the City of Boston from proceeding to restrain a violation by injunction.

Section 10-12.5 Implementation.

This ordinance shall take effect 90 days after passage.

Section 10-12.6 Severability.

If any provision of this section shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Filed: January 29, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, BENJAMIN WEBER, COLETTA ZAPATA, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MEJIA, MURPHY, PEPÉN, SANTANA, LOUIJEUNE AND DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON'S FY26 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Boston's Fiscal Year 2025 budget totals more than \$4.64 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Mayor Michelle Wu is expected to announce the FY26 budget on April 9, and the Council is expected to take action on the FY26 budget on June 4, with final action on June 25; *and*

WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2025, the City Council focused on its priorities of housing, quality of life issues, community safety, and college and career readiness; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council successfully collaborated with Boston Public Schools earlier than usual during the FY25 budget process and is in the midst of earlier collaboration for BPS' FY26 budget, thus providing a blueprint for earlier collaboration with the entire administration; *and*

WHEREAS, In FY24, actual revenue collections exceeded budget by \$176 million, according to its year-end report, including \$133 million more in investment income, \$50 million more in room taxes, meal taxes, and jet-fuel taxes, \$20 million more in PILOT payments, and \$18 million more in motor vehicle excise taxes, thus showing the strength of the City's revenues and finances; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, FY25 marked the highest share of the property tax levy paid by residential property owners and the lowest share paid by business property owners in at least four decades; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should continue to invest in its residents, with schools, parks, streets, libraries, housing, climate resiliency, community safety, and more in its FY26 operating and capital budgets; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold multiple hearings and public testimony sessions regarding city revenues, the current status of the annual operating budget and preliminary plans for the upcoming budget, and that representatives of City of Boston and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 24, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 31st AS TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

WHEREAS, All genderqueer, non-binary, and transgender people deserve the right to live, be seen and express their gender freely without persecution; *and*

WHEREAS, Transgender and non-binary individuals continue to face discrimination and challenges to their basic civil rights, including unacceptable acts of violence, especially against transgender women of color; *and*

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility celebrates the joy, strength, and resiliency of transgender people and gender non-binary people around the world who have too often had to put their jobs, relationships, and lives on the line just to be their true selves; *and*

WHEREAS, To be trans in this modern time necessitates leadership; to stand firm in one's own identity and bring awareness on gender expansiveness; to occupy spaces and halt misinformation and break from the mold of social silence; to pursue a visible unapologetic life; to be present, accounted and included in the fabric of social existence; and this precisely is the type of power that youth need as reference for models of a life worth living; *and*

WHEREAS, Support for the transgender and gender non-binary community has a strong foundation in grassroots activists; *and*

WHEREAS, The current federal administration has taken steps to extinguish the righteous support for the transgender community to the detriment of all; *and*

WHEREAS, Community activists of the City of Boston, including the nonprofit Trans Resistance, have made great strides to advocate for the rights of trans people in the city of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Fenway Community Health Center, now known as Fenway Health, was founded in 1971 as part of the free clinic movement by students who believed that "health care should be a right, not a privilege," has been working to make life healthier for the people in Boston, including the LGBTQIA+ community and people living with HIV/AIDS; *and*

WHEREAS, Luke Lennon (they/he/any) started the organization Namesake in 2021 to ensure that legacy systems support name changes for the LGBTQ+ community; their programs are more than IDs & account names their contribution is tenfold closing the wealth & unemployment gap for trans, nonbinary, & gender expansive folks; and they contribute to making it safer to be trans & nonbinary in public; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC), founded in 2001, is the only statewide advocacy organization led by trans people and focused solely on trans communities, advocating for all persons who have been, are, or might be deprived of equal rights and/or fair treatment because of their gender identity or gender expression; they offer programming such as workforce development, mentoring, training, material, and financial support; *and*

WHEREAS, Activist Rachel Crandall Crocker proposed that allies and advocates alike change the narrative and celebrate the trans lives in their fullness including their contributions to society by encouraging festivities and celebrations– public demonstrations which became the annual International Transgender Day of Visibility; *and*

WHEREAS, Trans Day of Visibility focuses on highlighting the trans community and takes direct action in challenging the biases of people who don't understand the spectrum of gender; *and*

WHEREAS, Transgender Americans contribute to the fabric of the United States proudly serving in the military, curing deadly diseases, holding elected office, running thriving businesses, fighting for justice, raising families, and much more; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council hereby recognizes March 31st as Trans Day of Visibility and honors the contributions and achievements of trans people throughout Boston's history and contemporary society.

Filed on: March 6, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN IMPROVING CITY SERVICES AND GOVERNANCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston's Innovation and Technology Cabinet is conducting a citywide survey of municipal employees to assess experiences and opportunities related to AI in government operations, ensuring that AI adoption aligns with the needs of city workers and enhances public services; *and*

WHEREAS, Artificial Intelligence is transforming industries by enhancing efficiency, decision-making, and service delivery, with significant implications for municipal governance; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is committed to responsible AI adoption and ensuring that AI-driven technologies improve public services, streamline operations, and promote accessibility and equity for all residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The integration of AI in municipal governance must be conducted with a commitment to transparency and ethical AI principles, ensuring that city employees remain informed and engaged in AI policy; *and*

WHEREAS, Leading academic institutions in Boston, including the Institute for Experiential AI at Northeastern University and the Hariri Institute for Computing at Boston University, are conducting cutting-edge research in AI applications for healthcare, education, sustainability, and ethical AI governance; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston University's AI Task Force Report on Generative AI in Education and Research provides essential guidance on AI ethics, security, academic integrity, and policy development, advocating for a "critical embrace" of AI that ensures responsible deployment while mitigating risks; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convene a hearing to examine the opportunities and challenges of AI adoption in city governance, with a focus on responsible implementation, workforce impact, and ethical considerations, with representatives from the Innovation and Technology Cabinet, the Institute for Experiential AI at Northeastern University, the Hariri Institute at Boston University, municipal employee unions, and ethics experts shall be invited to provide testimony on best practices, workforce perspectives, and the necessary safeguards for AI integration in municipal operations.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE HOW THE CITY OF BOSTON CAN HIRE LAID-OFF FEDERAL WORKERS

WHEREAS, The Trump administration is carrying out a mass reduction of the federal workforce. It has been reported that more than 100,000 federal employees have already lost their jobs in the past two months through layoffs; *and*

WHEREAS, Although attempts have been made to block these efforts and judges have found some of these firings to be illegal, the administration has made clear that its ultimate goal is to shrink the federal government under the cloak of “government efficiency”; *and*

WHEREAS, Last week the Department of Education announced that it would be eliminating nearly half of its workforce, positions that could impact funding for special education programs, financial aid and investigations of civil rights violations. This decision has led to the closing of the department’s regional office in Boston with at least 25 workers laid off, according to *The Boston Globe*; *and*

WHEREAS, Many states and municipalities have been working to mitigate the impact of cuts to the federal workforce. For example, targeted efforts to recruit fired federal workers have been launched in places such as Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York state, Montgomery County in Maryland, and Fairfax County in Virginia; *and*

WHEREAS, More than 30,000 federal workers live in the Greater Boston area. Early this month the Healey-Driscoll administration launched mass.gov/fedup to assist workers recently laid off by the Trump administration, a webpage that includes resources for impacted veteran federal workers; *and*

WHEREAS, As of April 2024, the City of Boston had nearly 2,000 vacancies across multiple city departments, including many of those positions remaining unfilled for extended periods of time; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should examine whether it should recruit and train federal employees who have recently fallen victim to draconian, mass layoffs without cause; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore how to foster recruitment and training efforts to hire public sector workers who have recently been laid off by the Trump administration with members of the Mayor’s budget team, labor team, departments with the highest vacancies, and those impacted are invited to attend.

Filed on: March 19, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE CREATION OF A BOSTON SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools (BPS) have struggled with deferred maintenance and outdated buildings for decades, resulting in closures, under-resourced facilities, disrupted school communities, and few new school buildings; *and*

WHEREAS, Research shows that safe, healthy, and inspiring school facilities are foundational to academic achievement, positive school culture, and overall student well-being; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite city initiatives such as BuildBPS and the Green New Deal for BPS, there remains no comprehensive, equity-driven, or transparent master facilities plan to build new school buildings and oversee more than one hundred aging school buildings across Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Leading examples in cities such as Washington, D.C., and New York City demonstrate that centralized oversight and planning for school facilities can deliver meaningful improvements; *and*

WHEREAS, The lack of sustained or systematic maintenance has led to the closure of large facilities such as the West Roxbury Education Complex and the Jackson-Mann School, displacing entire school communities and leaving sections of the city without vital educational assets; *and*

WHEREAS, Reports estimate that the deferred repairs and modernization of Boston's school buildings could cost well over three billion dollars, underscoring the urgency of securing robust and reliable funding sources; *and*

WHEREAS, BPS operates 119 schools in approximately 131 physical buildings, over half of which were constructed before World War II, with more than 30 now over a century old, resulting in aging facilities that can no longer meet modern educational needs; *and*

WHEREAS, Only about one-third of BPS buildings have comprehensive heating, cooling, and ventilation systems, leaving roughly two-thirds of school facilities in need of HVAC upgrades to ensure safe and healthy learning environments; *and*

WHEREAS, From 2000-2024 only six new BPS buildings have been constructed (with two in progress), while the city has closed at least 35 schools, an imbalance that has disproportionately affected certain neighborhoods and student populations; *and*

WHEREAS, Only about 14 percent of BPS buildings fully support the district’s “High-Quality Student Experience,” leaving approximately 86 percent lacking key features such as modern science labs, art rooms, or adequate athletic and common spaces; *and*

WHEREAS, The scope of Boston’s school facilities demands an aggressive pursuit of multiple financing options, including city, state, and federal funding, including municipal bonds, potential new revenue streams, and close collaboration the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), to modernize and expand educational infrastructure, while the City’s AAA bond rating and available debt capacity provide a strong foundation for construction and renovation projects; *and*

WHEREAS, Establishing a Boston School Building Authority (BSBA) would create an independent entity charged with assessing, planning, and overseeing BPS facilities, using a modern, data-driven approach to construction, renovation, and consolidation—and, in doing so, attempt to remove politics from school building decisions while allowing the School Committee to focus on educational priorities; *and*

WHEREAS, A BSBA would engage families, educators, and community stakeholders early and meaningfully in facility-related decisions, ensuring each project aligns with academic needs, safety standards, and equity considerations across all neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, The creation of a Boston School Building Authority, along with robust community engagement, would enable a comprehensive facilities master plan that would address the urgent need for modern, safe, and effective educational facilities across the city; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the feasibility, structure, and potential benefits of establishing a Boston School Building Authority, and include discussion of: operational scope and governance; funding mechanisms, including public, private, and innovative financing models; protocols for community engagement and transparency; alignment with Boston School Committee, MSBA and other agencies; and the inclusion of equity measures in planning and project selection. Representatives from the School Committee, Boston Public Schools, relevant City departments, the MSBA, DESE, community organizations, parents, educators, and students shall be invited to testify, with the goal of delivering on the promise of safe, high-quality school buildings for every child, in every neighborhood across Boston.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE TREMONT STREET DESIGN PROJECT IN THE SOUTH END

- WHEREAS:** Transportation planning is critical to the smooth running of a city. The configuration of our streets has a deep impact on the quality of life and safety of our residents as well as the economic success or failure of our local businesses; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There have been major transportation planning and street redesign projects in various neighborhoods across the city in recent years, including State Street, Boylston Street, Tremont Street, Summer Street in District 2; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2018, the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) started the Tremont Street Design Project in the South End with the goal to improve pedestrian safety, visibility at intersections, slow traffic, and create safer bike lanes; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Tremont Street Design project has resulted in a road diet and the reduction of parking spots to accommodate for the creation of dedicated bike lanes on both sides of Tremont Street. Last week, as part of the project, the parking meter modernization and signage installation was also completed; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In the last year, residents and small businesses have expressed that having only one travel lane in either direction in main streets and commercial roads has not only exacerbated traffic, the removal of road space and visitor parking spaces has made it nearly impossible for commercial and delivery vehicles or patrons to park. Business owners have also shared how these changes have discouraged patrons from visiting and spending their money in the South End, negatively impacting foot traffic and their operations; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In addition, the one travel lane configuration and removal of road space has also created potential difficulties for emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks to pass through during peak traffic hours, especially when buses and rideshares are picking up and dropping off, or in the event of a snowstorm; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Many residents have noted that these changes were done with minimal neighborhood collaboration. Many also felt that their voices were not heard, and that the outcome of city redesigns have already been decided before public input was heard; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents and local businesses who live in a neighborhood and pay taxes should have a say in what takes place in their neighborhood. The institutional knowledge, lived experience, and feedback of residents in the City of Boston, our civic organizations and small business community is critical, and should be seriously considered before any decisions are made; *and*

WHEREAS: The Boston Transportation Department needs to have robust discussions and community meetings in the neighborhoods of Boston as they engage in street redesign and traffic planning, and it is critical to take into account the institutional knowledge and feedback from the residents and businesses who will be most impacted; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to review the functionality of the Tremont Street Design Project in the South End. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, civic associations and local businesses, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: March 17, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 16–22, 2025, AS “SUNSHINE WEEK” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND SUPPORTING HYBRID MEETING ACCESS UNDER THE OPEN MEETING LAW

- WHEREAS*, Sunshine Week is a nonpartisan collaboration among groups in the journalism, civic, education, government and private sectors that shines a light on the importance of accessible and open government; *and*
- WHEREAS*, This year marks the 20th anniversary of the first nationwide Sunshine Week, established in March 2005 to coincide with the birthdate of James Madison, a key architect of the Bill of Rights and a champion of government transparency; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Public access to meetings and records is essential for residents to stay informed of government actions and hold officials accountable; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Remote and hybrid meeting access has demonstrably increased public participation, ensuring that all residents—regardless of ability, location, work schedules, childcare responsibilities, transportation barriers, or health concerns—can engage in local government; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Under current temporary provisions set to expire on March 31, 2025, the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law permits remote and hybrid participation in meetings of public bodies, but no permanent requirement exists to ensure continued hybrid access for public participation, leaving future accessibility to the discretion of local government bodies; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City Council recognizes that hybrid meeting options enhance accessibility, transparency, and community involvement in local governance; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Ensuring remote participation in government meetings fosters inclusivity and strengthens public trust in decision-making processes; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- RESOLVED*: That the Boston City Council designates March 16–22, 2025, as “Sunshine Week” in the City of Boston and affirms its support for requiring hybrid meeting access under the state Open Meeting Law to ensure transparency, participation, and accessibility in local government; *AND, BE IT FURTHER*
- RESOLVED*: That the Boston City Council urges the Legislature to amend the Open Meeting Law to require hybrid meeting access for all public bodies across the state, promoting greater inclusivity and civic engagement; *AND, BE IT FURTHER*
- RESOLVED*: That the Clerk of the City of Boston be, and hereby is, requested to transmit a suitably attested copy of this Resolution to the Legislature for consideration.

Filed on: March 19, 2025

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2025

Councilor Louijuene

ORDERED: That effective Saturday, April 5, 2025 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, May 30, 2025.

BiWeekly Payroll

Dorah Pierre Louis	Secretary	\$1,333.34	part time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the March 19, 2025 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

In effect April 6, 2025

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers. **(Docket #0407)**

In effect May 12, 2025

Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars (\$38,148,052.00) from Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”). **(Docket #0641)**

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Sidewalk repair deposits and refunds (disaggregated). **(Docket #0340)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Capital Projects in D7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0341)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F RE: Maintenance and Improvements of streets and sidewalks in District 7 from 2020 to date. **(Docket #0342)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding TNC Rideshare arrests. **(Docket #0617)**

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

*Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor*³

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0154	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0156	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0160	Worrell	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	1/8/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0479	Louijeune	Santana	Order for a hearing to update and replace Black Heritage Trail signage.	2/12/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0527	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BPS Sunday's Phase 2 Grant, awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The program will fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program.	2/26/2025	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0614	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish the Fairmount Avenue Arts and Cultural District in Hyde Park.	3/5/2025	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0476	Durkan	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on Boston's distribution and implementation of COVID-19 relief funding and programs.	2/12/2025	
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0482	Murphy		Order for a hearing to examine the impact of expiring COVID-related grant funding and other expenditures on City programs and staffing.	2/12/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0157	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0170	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.	1/8/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0257	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	1/15/2025	

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0308	Pepén	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0310	Pepén	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0314	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0316	Durkan	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0324	Flynn	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0333	Santana	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0418	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.	2/5/2025	3/24/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0552	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss current population projections and preparation for the 2030 decennial census.	2/26/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0554	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston.	2/26/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0172	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0184	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0187	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/8/2025		

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Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0188	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.		1/8/2025	
Community Preservation Act	0641	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars (\$38,148,052.00) from Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee ("CPC").		3/5/2025	
Education	0147	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency.		1/8/2025	
Education	0149	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies.		1/8/2025	
Education	0151	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.		1/8/2025	
Education	0171	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Santana	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools.		1/8/2025	
Education	0182	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.		1/8/2025	
Education	0235	Worrell	Murphy	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan.		1/8/2025	
Education	0265	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Education	0267	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	1/15/2025	2/27/2025	
Education	0313	FitzGerald	Pepén, Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public School students in all neighborhoods.		1/29/2025	

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Education	0318	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss inancial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.		1/29/2025	
Education	0334	Santana	Mejia, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for multilingual and special education learners.		1/29/2025	
Education	0339	Santana		Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership.		1/29/2025	
Education	0417	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools.		2/5/2025	
Education	0551	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding expanding internship opportunities for students with disabilities in Boston Public Schools.		2/26/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0155	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.		1/8/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0169	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.		1/8/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0252	Flynn	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.		1/15/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0260	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston.		1/15/2025	3/25/2025
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0262	Durkan	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.		1/15/2025	

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0292	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Parks & Recreation Department. The grant will fund the maintenance of the City of Boston Animal Shelter, and assistance with medical care for sick or injured animals (whose owners are Boston residents), through donations in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).	1/29/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0315	Coletta Zapata	Weber	Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0395	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the UCFC-Program, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture, passed through The Corps Network, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the historic workforce investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods.	2/5/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0399	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$449,710.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston MVP Action Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding.	2/5/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0424	Murphy		Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park.	2/5/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0425	Murphy		Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces.	2/5/2025	
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025	

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Government Operations	0135	Weber	Pepén, Santana	Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		2/10, 4/11/25-working session, 2/12/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0136	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0137	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.	1/8/2025		3/6/25-working session, Remanded back to committee
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune		Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Ciutizens.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0139	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	3/14/2025	
Government Operations	0140	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0141	Mejia		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0142	Murphy	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.	1/8/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0144	Louijeune	Mejia, Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston.	1/8/2025		2/25, 4/4/25-working session, 2/26/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0145	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0249	Worrell	Coletta, Louijeune	Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free.	1/15/2025		2/24/25-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0304	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance codifying the Office of Food Justice in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		

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Government Operations	0305	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	1/29/2025	3/18/2025	
Government Operations	0337	Murphy	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department.	1/29/2025	3/25/2025	
Government Operations	0406	Mayor		Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston."	2/5/2025		
Government Operations	0407	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.	2/5/2025	2/24/2025	2/26, 3/12/25-remains in committee, 3/11/25-working session
Government Operations	0411	Pepén	FitzGerald	Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system.	2/5/2025		
Government Operations	0468	Worrell		Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0469	Murphy	Flynn	Petition for a Special Law Re: The Use of Nondisclosure, Confidentiality, and Other Employment Agreements in the City of Boston	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0470	Breadon	Louijeune, Pepén	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act requiring that broker fees in the City of Boston be paid by the party who solicits a licensed broker.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0548	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune	An Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances Chapter VII Section 7-5.	2/26/2025		
Government Operations	0549	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.	2/26/2025		
Government Operations	0550	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Pension of Michael Sullivan.	2/26/2025		

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Government Operations	0613	Coletta Zapata		Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal.	3/5/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024	2024-0572
Housing & Community Development	0158	Worrell	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0178	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0185	Louijeune	Fernades Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/8/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0251	Durkan	Santana, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0259	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0264	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston.	1/15/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0327	Santana	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	1/29/2025	
Housing & Community Development	0329	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers.	1/29/2025	

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Housing & Community Development	0474	Durkan	Santana, Breadon	Order for a hearing to assess the efficacy of the City of Boston Municipal Code's University Accountability Ordinance.	2/12/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0488	Fernandes Anderson		Resolution in support of establishing a community preference policy for affordable housing development to mitigate displacement in Boston neighborhoods.	2/12/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0195	Flynn	Murphy	Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million.	1/8/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0254	Worrell	FitzGerald, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0294	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to underserved populations in the hardest-to-reach areas, both urban and non-urban, in basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0295	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Tax Help Coalition Santander Bank Grant, awarded by Santander Bank, N.A. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tax Help Coalition to provide pathways from poverty to financial empowerment by maximizing the impact of tax credits through free tax preparation, financial education, and economic stability opportunities.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0323	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0328	Santana		Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of Youth Jobs offered by the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0400	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by the MA Executive Office for Administrative & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to support the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filing for the 2024 tax session.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0405	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston Grant, awarded by The Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 12-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0416	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	2/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0454	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$43,312.50) in the form of a grant for the FYOB MLK Scholars Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation, passed through the Philanthropic Initiative, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund summer jobs, financial education, and professional development opportunities for Boston youth.	2/12/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0473	Weber	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	2/12/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0526	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Ninety Thousand Seventy-One Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$1,190,071.64) in the form of a grant for the Carry-in WIOS Adult Program, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Department. The grant will fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills, training, apprenticeships and support services.	2/26/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0529	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Workforce Training Fund Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund programming to help address business productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to Massachusetts businesses for training current and newly hired employees.	2/26/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0531	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$41,828.60) in the form of a grant for the Shelter Supplemental Funding Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund MassHire career centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelters residents with training and employment opportunities.	2/26/2025	

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0642	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$382,163.59) in form of a grant, for the Carry-In Wagner Peyser Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.	3/5/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0643	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.000) in the form of a grant, for the Uncornered Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, passed through the Economic Development & Industrial Corporation of Boston to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund coaching, mentorship, and other workforce development training opportunities for at-risk, violence-involved youth and reentering citizens.	3/5/2025	
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0472	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the PILOT program in the City of Boston.	2/12/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0124	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027.	1/8/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0161	Durkan	Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development.	1/8/2025	1/28/25-hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0266	Flynn	Santana, FirzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0307	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	1/29/2025	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0309	Pepén	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0311	Pepén	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0319	Flynn	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0321	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0326	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0423	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.	2/5/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0471	Flynn	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices to be licensed, registered and insured.	2/12/2025	2/20/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0477	Durkan	FitzGerald, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss contractor parking regulations, permitting, and enforcement in Boston.	2/12/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0478	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to evaluate alternative options for the center running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbus Avenue.	2/12/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0615	Flynn		Order for a hearing on regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) by the City of Boston and Boston Police Department.	3/5/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0648	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section 12 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws.	3/5/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0650	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kirsten Hoffman as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee.	3/5/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		(2024-1687), 3/13/25- hearing revised
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0106	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samantha Riemer, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024	3/13/2025	2024-1688
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Janet Peguero, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring October 27, 2029.	11/20/2024	3/13/2025	2024-1689
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0173	Mejia	Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0174	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0175	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0176	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/8/2025	1/21/25, 1/22/25	

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0177	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/8/2025	1/24/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Meija	Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0415	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.	2/5/2025		2/20, 3/10/25-hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0462	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lawrence DiCara as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2026.	2/12/2025	3/13/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0475	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to review and evaluate the Boston City Council's legislative impact on District 7 residents and its collaboration with the administration on projects in District 7 to identify areas for improvement.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0480	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing to evaluate the year-to-date financial performance of the FY2025 operating budget.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0481	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the financial impact of the Boston Police Department's compliance with City of Boston code section 11-1.1.	2/12/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0100	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0286
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0101	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0287
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0306	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park.	1/29/2025		3/20/25-hearing canceled

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0330	Santana	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0331	Santana	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0332	Santana	FitzGerald, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0422	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program.	2/5/2025	4/1/2025	3/13/25-hearing canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0460	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Dr. Gualde Valdez as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 15, 2028.	2/12/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0649	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Stanley McLaren as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 15, 2028.	3/5/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128	Flynn	Murphy	Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.	1/8/2025	3/10/2025	3/6/25 hearing canceled, 3/12/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0153	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.	1/8/2025	1/28/25, 2/13/25	1/29/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/8/2025		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0186	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0256	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.	1/15/2025		3/6/25 hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0322	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.	1/29/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0335	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	1/29/2025	4/25/2025	3/17/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0336	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	1/29/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0394	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.	2/5/2025	4/3/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0412	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston.	2/5/2025	3/18/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0413	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management, including the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant.	2/5/2025	3/27/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0414	Mejia	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	2/5/2025	3/10/2025	3/12/25-remains in committee

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0421	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston.	2/5/2025	3/13/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0530	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$58,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY19 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund fire prevention education and training, fire code enforcement, fire/arson investigation, firefighter safety and health programming, prevention efforts, and research and development.	2/26/2025		
Rules & Administration	0162	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements	1/8/2025	1/31/2025	
Rules & Administration	0420	Santana		Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings.	2/5/2025		
Rules & Administration	0616	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss and establish guidelines for the filing and adoption of Council Resolutions.	3/5/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0150	Worrell	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0152	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0159	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program.	1/15/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0183	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.	1/8/2025		

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Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Weber	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	3/28/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0268	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide.	1/15/2025	2/25/2025	2/26/25-remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0317	Flynn	Mejia, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming.	1/29/2025	2/13/2025	2/11/25-hearuing canceled
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0165	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0253	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services.	1/15/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0255	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.	1/15/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0312	FitzGerald	Flynn, Murphy	Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program.	1/29/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0320	Flynn	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans.	1/29/2025		
Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025	2/18/25, 3/24/25	2/3, 2/24, 3/3/25-working session, 2/5, 2/26, 3/5/25-remains in committee, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0250	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston.	1/15/2025		

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Ways & Means	0269	Murphy	FitzGerald, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0325	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.	1/29/2025	2/18, 2/27, 3/24/25	2/10, 3/17, 3/26/25-working session, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled, 2/12/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0419	Flynn	Murpjh	Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees.	2/5/2025		
Ways & Means	0458	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program.	2/12/2025	3/3/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0553	Breadon	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston.	2/26/2025		
Ways & Means	0590	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000). The current conditions in the municipal bond market appears to be favorable for the City to potentially realize significant saving in debt service costs by refunding certain of its outstanding general obligation bonds.	3/5/2025		
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/8/2025		
Whole	0585	Murphy	Flynn	Order for an emergency hearing to discuss the state receivership of Boston Elections Commission.	2/26/2025		

City of Boston

IN
CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Dean Conway

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025



SINCERELY,

Ruthzee Loujaine
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Clay Swintan
City Clerk

Presented By

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

***Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:***

John Curran

In Recognition of:

**Nearly Forty Years of Dedicated Service and
Hospitality at the Eire Pub. You Will be Sorely Missed
by All**

***and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends
its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a
copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.***

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PRESENTED BY

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ingrid Lochard

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your service as a valued member, first with the Data Center Operators, then with the IBM Team, and finally with the LAN Team. Your dedication, contributions, spirit, presence, and kindness will be missed by us all

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.



By: *Ruthzee Louijeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Quintas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Louijeune*

Date: March 10, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE
PRESENTED BY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Isabella “Bella” Pierre-Louis

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND
REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

March 12, 2025

SINCERELY



By: *Ruthzee Loujeune*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Avontas*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Ruthzee Loujeune*

Date: March 15, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE
PRESENTED BY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Hilary Fahy Flaherty

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD IN TRIBUTE AND
REVERENCE AS THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

March 12, 2025

SINCERELY



By: Ruthzee Loujeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guentas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Loujeune

Date: March 12, 2025

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

**THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND CREW OF THE
USS THOMAS HUDNER (DDG 116)**

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Thank you for your service and for your important contributions to our country.
On behalf of the Boston City Council, we warmly welcome you back to Boston!

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ed Flynn

Date: March 14, 2025

City of Boston
IN
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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
波士頓市議會議員 - 愛德華、費連

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

NEW ENGLAND GEE POY KUO ASSOCIATION

In Recognition of:

Your dedicated efforts in organizing the 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration Banquet!
Thank you for your tireless service to our Chinese community. May the Year of the Snake be full
of good health, happiness and prosperity! 新年快樂!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ed Flynn

Date: March 14, 2025

City of Boston
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**OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

KELLY COYNE CONROY

In Recognition of:

Your tireless contributions to the South Boston community and your dedication to supporting our military personnel. We recognize your efforts in establishing Adopt a Platoon – Southie Style, after being inspired by your son Jack’s passion for the military. We commend your dedicated efforts in growing this small initiative to support one platoon, into a community-wide effort sending 800 care packages to military personnel to more than ten countries since 2021. We applaud your active involvement in community events, raffles, and partnerships with local schools. Your work has fostered a sense of patriotism and generosity in our community, and your selflessness inspires us all! Congratulations on receiving the James M. “Jimmy” Kelly/Margaret “Peggy” Flaherty Shamrock Award for Community Service!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

KRISTEN DONOGHUE MCCOSH

In Recognition of:

Your exceptional leadership of the City of Boston's Disabilities Commission. We commend your unwavering commitment to advocating for the accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities throughout Boston, including ensuring accessibility in municipal buildings, public rights of way, all programs and services, so that people with disabilities have equal access to the city. We recognize your 25 years of service, first serving as Ms. Wheelchair Massachusetts in 2007 and Ms. Wheelchair America in 2008, during which you promoted disability rights, equal access, empowerment, and independent living. We also recognize that you are a lifelong resident of South Boston, proud daughter of Dolores Cashman and the late Jack Donoghue, wife of John McCosh, and sisters to John and Chris Donoghue.

Thank you for your courage and dedication, and for being a tireless champion for people with disabilities. Congratulations on receiving the John "Doc" Tynan Profile in Courage Award!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

DANNY LYNCH

In Recognition of:

Your 35 years of public service and tireless dedication to bettering the lives of others, especially in South Boston. We applaud your important advocacy on youth development and the recovery community, including coaching the boys' and girls' hockey teams at local high schools, mentoring young people through City Year, and supporting individuals battling addiction through critical rehabilitation services and legal assistance. We commend your committed efforts in helping individuals find employment opportunities, secure internships, and earn appointments to prestigious military academies. We recognize your instrumental work in government, particularly in Congressman Lynch's office, helping individuals with unemployment assistance, healthcare, veterans affairs and labor relations. We also highlight that you are a devoted family man, husband to Janey Taylor, father of six beautiful children and six grandchildren. Thank you for your contributions, and congratulations on receiving the John W. McCormack Award for Public Service!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

JAMES TOOLEY JR.

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your unwavering support for our veterans and military families. We commend your efforts in leading and coordinating the annual St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day Parade, and we recognize your continued dedication to the South Boston community.

Thank you for your tireless service to the South Boston Community as a whole!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

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President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

TIMOTHY “DOC” COOK SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your committed focus to raise funds and provide scholarships to hard-working and dedicated youth in the City of Boston. We commend your tireless efforts to increase awareness, educate our youth, and support programs that assist with the hidden wounds of PTSD and the long-term care our veterans need, and have earned. We thank you for once again bringing our community together this year by organizing the Shamrock Showdown Hockey Game to support this important cause in our city, state and country.
Happy Saint Patrick’s Day!

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

THE EDGERLEY FAMILY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your commitment to helping our youth build strong character and grow as responsible leaders. We commend your dedication to promote healthy lifestyles through sports, fitness and recreation. On behalf of the Boston City Council, we wish you a Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025

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OFFERED BY

COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

SOUTH BOSTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your commitment to helping our youth build strong character and grow as responsible leaders. We commend your dedication to promote healthy lifestyles through sports, fitness and recreation. On behalf of the Boston City Council, we wish you a Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

PHOEBE FRANCIS
SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your artistic creativity, as demonstrated by being awarded the South Boston Citizens Association Evacuation Day 4th Grade Poster Second Runner-Up. We congratulate you on this outstanding achievement and wish you and your family a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day!

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

RUDOLPH KIEVE

SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

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President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025,

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

CAMERON MOTHANDER
SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your artistic creativity, as demonstrated by being awarded the South Boston Citizens Association Evacuation Day 4th Grade Poster Winner. We congratulate you on this outstanding achievement and wish you and your family a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day!

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

KAT MANNING

SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your artistic creativity, as demonstrated by being awarded the South Boston Citizens Association Evacuation Day 5th Grade Poster Winner. We congratulate you on this outstanding achievement and wish you and your family a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day!

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025,

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

CHASE GRIFFIN

SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

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By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025,

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COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

SLOANE CRAIGIE

SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

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By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: March 11, 2025,

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Extends its Recognition to:

IAN WHITE

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Your academic achievement and knowledge of history, as demonstrated by being awarded the South Boston Citizens Association Evacuation Day High School Essay Winner. We congratulate you on this outstanding achievement and wish you and your family a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day!

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SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
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**HARMONY SHEFFIELD GREEN
JAMES F. CONDON SCHOOL**

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SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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IDEN ROBINSON
ST. PETER ACADEMY

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LUKE COSTELLO
SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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CHARLIE CANNATA
SOUTH BOSTON CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IN RECOGNITION OF:

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Date: March 11, 2025,

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS,** On March 26, 1971, Bangladesh declared its independence from Pakistan, marking the beginning of the Bangladesh Liberation War; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The struggle for independence was fueled by the desire for linguistic and cultural rights, with the people of Bangladesh asserting their distinct identity and heritage; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Bangladesh Liberation War, lasting for nine months, resulted in significant sacrifices and loss of lives, with millions of Bangladeshis fighting for their freedom dignity; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On December 16, 1971, the Pakistan Army surrendered to the joint forces of Bangladesh and India, leading to the establishment of Bangladesh as an independent and sovereign nation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Bangladesh Independence Day, observed annually on March 26th, is a symbol of the nation's resilience, courage, and commitment to freedom and democracy; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Bangladesh has made significant progress since independence, achieving milestones in various fields including literature, arts, culture, and sports; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Bengali language, recognized as one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, is celebrated as a cornerstone of Bangladesh's cultural identity; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The vibrant cultural heritage of Bangladesh, including its traditional music, dance, literature, and cuisine, enriches the diversity of the global cultural landscape; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Bangladesh Independence Day serves as an occasion to honor the sacrifices of the freedom fighters, pay tribute to the martyrs, and reaffirm the nation's commitment to upholding the principles of democracy, equality, and justice; **NOW,**
THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED:** The City of Boston extends its heartfelt recognition, profound honor, and jubilant celebration towards the remarkable achievement of Bangladesh Independence

Day on March 26th. This day acknowledges the significance of commemorating the nation's struggle for liberation and its achievements since independence.

Filed on March 17, 2025

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

BRIAN YANOVITCH

In Recognition of:

Your tireless contributions to the South Boston community and beyond. We commend your long-standing commitment to community service, from coaching the South Boston Little League for 15 years, the South Boston Youth Hockey for 10 years, playing in the Yawkey League for 10 years and being inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008. We recognize your dedicated work as a member of the Laborers Union for 28 years, contributing to numerous local causes, including Mighty Quinn, South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults, and L Street Brownies. Thank you for your leadership in the South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade and for your participation in fundraising events at Cape Cod Irish Village. Your spirit of giving and your selflessness inspires us all! Congratulations on receiving the James M. "Jimmy" Kelly/Margaret "Peggy" Flaherty Shamrock Award for Community Service!

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE & BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HAZEL NELL DUKE

WHEREAS, Hazel Nell Dukes was a lifelong advocate for civil rights and a stalwart leader in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), serving as President of the NAACP's New York State Conference from 1977 until her passing in 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, She dedicated her life to ensuring equal opportunities for Black Americans in housing, education, and employment, playing a pivotal role in advancing civil rights legislation and policies; *and*

WHEREAS, She was elected into her third term on the National NAACP Board of Directors at the 1982 convention in Boston, made history as the National President of the NAACP from 1990 to 1992, and played a vital role in bringing the NAACP's national convention to Boston in 2023; *and*

WHEREAS, She was a passionate advocate for early childhood education, ensuring that every child, regardless of background, had access to quality learning opportunities, and served as a mentor and inspiration to countless civil rights leaders, activists, and public servants, including leaders throughout New York, Boston and New England, ensuring that her legacy will endure for generations to come; *and*

WHEREAS, Her spirit, fearless leadership, and unwavering dedication to justice have left an indelible mark on our nation, and her passing is a profound loss; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors the life and legacy of Hazel N. Dukes, recognizing her extraordinary contributions to civil rights and social justice, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Hazel N. Dukes and the leadership of the NAACP in her memory and appreciation for her lifelong dedication to justice and equality.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
YOUTH GUIDANCE BOSTON**

WHEREAS, Youth Guidance Boston is committed to creating and implementing school-based programs that empower youth to overcome obstacles, focus on their education, and ultimately succeed in school and in life; *and*

WHEREAS, Youth Guidance Boston offers two hallmark, evidence-based initiatives, Becoming a Man (BAM) and Working on Womanhood (WOW), that use a trauma-informed group counseling approach to support middle- and high-school students; *and*

WHEREAS, BAM was launched in BPS in fall 2017, initially serving 150 young men, and has since expanded to 16 schools across Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville Public School Districts, now reaching over 900 boys and young men; *and*

WHEREAS, WOW similarly provides vital support for young women, serving over 250 participants across Greater Boston, equipping them with strategies to overcome trauma, develop leadership skills, and succeed academically; *and*

WHEREAS, 94% of participating youth scholars report that BAM and WOW have helped them make better decisions, and 62% of WOW scholars experienced fewer PTSD symptoms, demonstrating the transformative power of these programs; *and*

WHEREAS, Youth Guidance Boston's school-based approach works by embedding trained BAM Youth Specialists and WOW Counselors in our schools, ensuring individualized mentorship, and the crucial social and emotional support system that enable students to thrive; *and*

WHEREAS, Stable financial support from the Boston Public Schools and the City of Boston is critical to sustaining these effective programs, particularly given potential federal and state funding cuts that threaten to undermine these holistic initiatives; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes and applauds Youth Guidance Boston's commitment to strengthening youth outcomes, endorses the success of its *Becoming a Man* and *Working on Womanhood* programs, and encourages continued support and partnership to sustain and expand these transformative efforts that uplift the next generation of leaders.