



**March 25, 2026**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 12:15 PM.

President Breadon in the Chair. Present Councilors Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, and Worrell.

City Clerk Alex Geourntas delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the March 18, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

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- 0619** Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million, Forty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$1,046,178.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the United Steelworkers 2936 (Bus Monitors).  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0620** Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million, Forty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$1,046,178.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the United Steelworkers 2936 (Bus Monitors). The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in July of each fiscal year of the contract term, as well as a \$1/hr flat increase in January, 2026 and a \$0.70/hr flat increase (for assigned monitors only) in January, 2028.  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0621** WITHDRAWN
- 0622** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in the form of a grant, FY26 Earmark for Fairmount Housing Development, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund support of Police overtime for visible patrols in the Fairmount Development.  
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0623** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Osgood as a member of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, for a term expiring March 30, 2030.  
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
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- 0624** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F relative to the Memoranda of Understanding between the Boston Police Department and external entities, passed by the Council on January 30, 2026.  
Placed on file.
- 0625** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Max Rome, as a Constituent Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust.  
Placed on file.
- 0626** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 regarding action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of March 11, 2026.  
Placed on file.
- 0627** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding “Proposed Minor Modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-55, with respect to Parcel C-1A.”  
Placed on file.
- 0628** Communication was received from Councilor Murphy requesting a briefing from the budget office regarding recent citywide spending controls and hiring constraints referenced in public reporting.  
Placed on file.
- 0629** Communication was received from Councilor Murphy regarding an officer-involved shooting in Roxbury.  
Placed on file.
- 0630** Communication was received by the City Clerk from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #228.07 - The Bussey House, 1203-1205 Adams Street, Dorchester, MA 02124 (in effect after April 22, 2026 if not acted upon).  
Councilor Durkan moved to suspend the rules and pass Docket #0630.  
Objection by Councilor Flynn.  
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0166** Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools student-athlete transfer and eligibility policies.  
Remains in the Committee on Education.
- 0201** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY27 operating budget.  
Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0202** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 operating budget.  
Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0587** Order for a hearing to review administrative transparency, equitable student representation, and student freedoms in higher education.  
Remains in the Committee on Education.

- 0631 Councilor Culpepper, Worrell, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine diversity and representation within the Boston Fire Department, including leadership positions.  
On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Weber as an original co-sponsor.  
Referred to the Committee on Civil Rights, Racial Equity, and Immigrant Advancement.
- 0632 Councilor Culpepper, Santana, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine measures to prevent human, sex, and drug trafficking during the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Boston.  
On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor.  
Councilor Culpepper moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Durkan. Motion prevailed.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0633 Councilor FitzGerald, Mejia, Breadon, Culpepper, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to audit and review the City Council budget amendment process.  
Referred to the Committee on Post-Audit.
- 0634 Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding citywide spending controls, hiring constraints, and fiscal outlooks across departments.  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0635 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine the denial of a longstanding nonprofit event permit and the city's policies governing use of public parkland.  
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0636 Councilor Flynn, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss city services and quality of life concerns in Copley Square.  
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- 0637 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding White Stadium.  
On motion of Councilor Mejia, the rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Durkan).
- 0638 Councilor Culpepper, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine the Boston Police Department's protocols for releasing police body camera and dashboard camera footage.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.

- 0639 Councilor Culpepper, Worrell, Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution calling on the Boston Police Department to update body camera and dash camera release protocols to include access to oversight entities following police-involved shootings, mass shootings, and major events. Councilor Mejia moved to close debate. Seconded by Councilor Weber. Motion prevailed: yeas 10 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), nays 3 (Durkan, Flynn, Murphy). On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 9 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), nays 3 (FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy), present 1 (Durkan).
- 0640 Councilor Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. On motion of Councilor Pepén, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0641 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of H.4683, "An Act Relative to Teacher Preparation and Student Literacy." On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0642 Councilor Durkan, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 31, 2026 as Transgender Day of Visibility. On motion of Councilors Durkan and Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Breadon as an original co-sponsor. On motion of Councilors Durkan, Santana, and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0643 Councilor Mejia and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution upholding alcohol restrictions at all Boston Public School facilities including the 14-Acre White Fund Parcel in Franklin Park. Councilor Mejia moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Flynn. Motion prevailed. Councilor Mejia moved to close debate. Seconded by Councilor Flynn. Motion failed: yeas 5 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell), nays 8 (Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber). On motion of Councilors Mejia and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was not adopted: yeas 3 (Flynn, Mejia, Murphy) nays 9 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), present 1 (Culpepper).

**0132** Councilor Flynn called Docket #0132, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend technology equipment valued at approximately Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$430,340.00), from the Connected & Online Program Grant, awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The equipment includes laptops, desktop bundles, and related equipment. The equipment will support public access to education, workforce development, digital literacy, and telehealth services across multiple City departments, with deployments centered at BCYF Centers and sites operated by the Office of Workforce Development and the Office of Returning Citizens. This award reflects strong cross-departmental collaboration and advances the City's broader digital equity goals, from the Committee on City Services.

No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

**0135** Councilor Flynn called Docket #0135, 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, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MassTech), awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund a multi-session digital skills workshop series at multiple locations and distribute devices to learners, from the Committee on City Services.

No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

**0137** Councilor Flynn called Docket #0137, 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, Municipal ADA Improvement Grant, awarded by The Massachusetts Office on Disability to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund updating the municipal ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to address barriers to accessibility in web-based services and applications, from the Committee on City Services.

No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

**0378** Councilor Flynn called Docket #0378, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$20,930.00) in the form of a grant, the El Centro Fellowship Grant, awarded by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund the fellowship program for El Centro IT training program graduates, from the Committee on City Services.

No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

**0133** Councilor Worrell called Docket #0133, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars And Three Cents (\$219,178.03) in the form of a grant, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by MA Executive Office for Administration & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filings for the 2026 tax season, from the Committee on Labor & Economic Development.

No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the order was passed.

**0134** Councilor Worrell called Docket #0134, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in the form of a grant, Financial Empowerment Program, awarded by United Way, passed through the Boston Local Development Corporation, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund financial education, credit/asset building, and employment services for residents at the Center for Working Families, from the Committee on Labor & Economic Development.

No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the order was passed.

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

**0644** **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of George W. Gardner, Jr.

**0645** **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Shirley E. (Cameron) Duke.

**0646** **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Brenda Gael McSweeney.

**0647** **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Brazilian Women's Group.

**0648** **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jack Maharaj.

**0649** **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Elaine Kevgas.

**0650** **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Sheryl Goler Richards.

- 0651** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Rachel Boeteng.
- 0652** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in tribute to Phillip Cohen Myrick.
- 0653** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Child and Family Wellness Center.
- 0654** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in memory of Edmond Guillory.
- 0655** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dr. Ted Landsmark.
- 0656** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Chinese Progressive Association.
- 0657** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Tai Shan Community Association.
- 0658** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the families of Tom and Eddie Butler.
- 0659** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Richie Linehan.
- 0660** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Lee Burke and the Michael Burke Foundation.
- 0661** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bobby Ferrara.
- 0662** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Randy Greeley.
- 0663** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Collins Family.
- 0664** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing State Representative David Biele.
- 0665** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Sam Yick Association of New England.
- 0666** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Wong Family Benevolent Association.
- 0667** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Timothy "Doc" Cook Scholarship Foundation.
- 0668** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Dan McCole.
- 0669** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the USS Harvey C. Barnum Jr.
- 0670** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the South Boston Citizens' Association.
- 0671** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing R. Emily Goldberg Winer.

- 0672** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Rabbi Barry Dolinger.
- 0673** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Castle Square Tenants Organization.
- 0674** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the DiDomenico Foundation.
- 0675** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the family of Susan Hurley.
- 0676** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jessica Tang.
- 0677** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Leung Family Association.
- 0678** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Boston Groundwater Trust.
- 0679** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Women Veterans of Massachusetts.
- 0680** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Emerald Society of the Boston Police Department.
- 0681** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Roxbury Prep.
- 0682** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Betty Jenkins.
- 0683** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Peggie Hope.
- 0684** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Vavisa Brown.
- 0685** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cardicia Welcome.
- 0686** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Carmen Ayala.
- 0687** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ana Rosario.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:09 p.m. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Stephen Bronchuk, George Reese, Emmanuel Damas, and Lillie Mae Keizer, known as Mother Borders, to meet again on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk