



August 27, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 12:08 P.M.

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

Franklin Hobbs, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the August 6, 2025 meeting.

The Chair moved to adopt the amended minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting.

Motions prevailed.

1548 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY26 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 services.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

1549 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$528,156.32) in the form of a grant, for the FY26 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 telecommunications staff.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

1550 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI/Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund work that promotes equity and access to programs that promote healthy lifestyle changes through physical activities, as well as work related to the impacts of extreme heat affects on early childhood development and health.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

- [1551](#) 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 Impact Driven Collaborative Project Grant, awarded by Liberty Mutual Foundation Inc. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tree Equity Asset Mapping (BTEAM) project, in partnership with American Forest and Speak for the Trees. BTEAM aims to enhance urban forestry in Boston by identifying local collaborations and creating job opportunities in green infrastructure. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- [1552](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Extreme heat/climate resilience grant, awarded by the United Way to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund work related to extreme heat/climate resilience as it impacts early childhood development in the City of Boston.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- [1553](#) 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 for the United Way's Discretionary Grant, awarded by the United Way to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the City of Boston's Center for Working Families (CWF) to build an internal database for service delivery.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- [1554](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of May 14, 2025.
Placed on file.
- [1555](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of May 21, 2025.
Placed on file.
- [1556](#) Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of August 6, 2025.
Placed on file.
- [1557](#) Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding "Proposed Minor Modification to the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-77, with respect to Parcel J-1."
Placed on file.
- [1558](#) 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 R-59-B2."
Placed on file.

1559 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 Parcels P-15B-1A and P-15B-1B.”
Placed on file.

1560 Communication was received from Councilors Murphy and Flynn regarding a request for an investigation into the Boston Police Department Radio System Failure at Franklin Park.
Placed on file.

1561 Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding continued difficulties to hold scheduled hearings at the Boston City Council.
Placed on file.

1562 Communication was received from Council President Ruthzee Louijeune regarding the Attorney General’s response to the Open Meeting Law complaint dated January 11, 2025.
Placed on file.

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

0135 On the message and ordinance, referred on January 8, 2025, Docket #0135, to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.
The report was accepted, the ordinance was passed in a new draft; yeas 11 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

Councilor Flynn, on behalf of the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism and Special Events, submitted the following:

0527 On the message and order, referred on February 26, 2025, Docket #0527, 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, the committee submitted a report recommending that this order ought to pass.
The report was accepted, the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1262 On the message and order, referred on June 25, 2025, Docket #1262, 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 Boston Family Day Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the Boston Family Day program from 2025-2026, provided by the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation, the committee submitted a report recommending that this order ought to pass.
The report was accepted, the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

Councilor Weber, on behalf of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks, submitted the following:

1258 On the message and order, referred on June 25, 2025, Docket #1258, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant not to exceed One Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,170,000.00) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program. The grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Moakley Park located in the neighborhood of South Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was passed: yeas 10 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Mejia), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1345 On the message and order, referred on July 9, 2025, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$644,458.00) in the form of a grant, for the US Inflation Reduction Act, awarded by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to grow an accessible, inclusive, and resilient urban forest, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was passed: yeas 10 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Mejia), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1347 On the message and order, referred on July 9, 2025, 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 MVP Planning 2.0 Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Office of Climate Resilience. The grant will fund the work climate resilience communities have done to date and support communities with new methods, tools, and resources for building climate resilience, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

Councilor Santana, on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, submitted the following:

1356 On the message and order, referred on July 9, 2025, Docket #1356, in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (“the Ordinance”), I hereby transmit for your review and consideration the proposed Surveillance Use Policy for the Rodent Monitoring Camera System, submitted in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

- 1357** On the message and order, referred on July 9, 2025, Docket #1357, in accordance with the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63.(b)(3), I hereby transmit for your review the Boston Police Department's report on three "Social Media Analysis Tools," the "Surveillance Use Policy" questionnaire, and the relevant Department policies that govern the use of these tools, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. Councilor Mejia moved to table Docket #1357. Second Councilor Weber. The motion did not prevail; yeas 5 (Breadon, Louijeune, Mejia, Weber, Worrell), nays 6 (Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
The report was accepted; the order did not pass; yeas 5 (Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Santana), nays 6 (Breadon, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1442** Order for a hearing to review expenditures associated with the nominating panel and the school committee appointment process.
Remains in the Committee on Education.
- 0554** Order for a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston.
Remains in the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 1283** Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.
Remains in the Committee on Education.
- 1563** **Councilor Pepén, Weber, Louijeune, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review federal funds received by the City of Boston and discuss the establishment of a task force to prevent or mitigate funding cuts.
On motion of Councilors Pepén and Weber, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1564** **Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss appropriate uses of Boston 311 and 9-1-1 emergency.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1565** **Councilor Santana, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding how the Boston Police Department collects, uses, protects, and shares information that may be requested by external entities.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1566** **Councilor Louijeune, Durkan, Breadon, FitzGerald, Mejia, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding nitrous oxide abuse and its impact on community health and safety.
Councilor Worrell in the chair.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 1567** **Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston's use of federal and state grant funds.
President Louijeune in the chair.
Referred to the Committee on Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility.

- 1568 Councilor Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss improvements to Cleveland Circle.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1569 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss an investigation into the breakdown of the Boston Police Department's main radio channel.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1570 Councilor Pepén, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order to hold a meeting to interview applicants for the Community Preservation Committee.
Referred to the Committee on Community Preservation Act.
- 1571 Councilor Breadon, Mejia and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of Mayor Michelle Wu's letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi. On motion of Councilors Breadon and Mejia, 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.
- 1572 WITHDRAWN**
- 1573 Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Flynn, Louijeune and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution calling for reconsideration of the Boston School Committee nomination process and affirming the need for greater City Council involvement.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 8 (Breadon, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepen, Santana, Weber, Worrell), nays 1 (FitzGerald), present 1 (Durkan), not present 1 (Murphy), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1574 Councilor Louijeune, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing August as National Black Business Month.
Councilor Worrell in the Chair.
On motion of Councilors Louijeune and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1575 WITHDRAWN**
- 1576 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in support for an independent investigation into the city's July 4th payroll failure to determine if state or federal employment laws were broken.
President Louijeune in the chair.
On motion of Councilors Flynn and Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was not adopted; yeas 2 (Flynn, Murphy), nays 9 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1577 Councilor Durkan, FitzGerald, Breadon, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution standing in solidarity with UNITE HERE Local 26 food and beverage workers at Fenway Park.

On motion of Councilor Durkan and FitzGerald the rules were suspended; the resolution was passed; yeas 11 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1578 Councilor FitzGerald, Murphy, Breadon, Durkan, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:

Resolution recognizing September as National Recovery Month.

On motion of Councilors FitzGerald and Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

The rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1579 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Alexander Kokovidis, Matthew Lyder and Carliz Y Manana in City Council, effective September 6, 2025. Passed

1580 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Katerina Helfrich in City Council, effective August 30, 2025. Passed

1581 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Karishma Chouhan, Ron Cobb, Meagan Corugedo, Arnita Flint, Meghan Kavanagh, Michelle A.L. Goldberg, Cora Montrond, Candace Morales, Shane Pac, Lorraine Schettino and Ethan Vara in City Council, effective August 23, 2025. Passed

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

1611 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Dorah Pierre Louis, effective September 12, 2025. Passed under suspension of the rules.

1612 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Kori-Reign Tyler, effective September 12, 2025. Passed under suspension of the rules.

1613 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Joaquim Lombos, effective September 5, 2025. Passed under suspension of the rules.

1614 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Joaquim Lombos, effective September 12, 2025. Passed under suspension of the rules.

1615 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Stephan Marin Betancurt, effective September 12, 2025. Passed under suspension of the rules.

1616 Notice was received from Councilor Coletta Zapata regarding her absence from the August 27, 2025 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.

1617 Communication was received from Councilor Mejia regarding White Stadium.
Placed on file.

1618 **Councilor Murphy, Flynn, FitzGerald, Breadon, Durkan, Pepén, Weber, Worrell and Louijeune offered the following:** Hearing Order regarding Immediate Reforms to Background Checks, Sex-Offender Screening, and Ongoing Stability Reviews for City of Boston Hiring and Employment.
On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

27/25 Legislative Calendar for August 27, 2025.

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

1582 **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Dawn Panos.

1583 **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Friends of DeFilippo Playground.

1584 **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Gregg D. Bodell.

1585 **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nadine Pellicio.

1586 **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Boston Unity Cup.

1587 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Isabelle Nelson.

1588 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brieajah Ayers.

1589 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 17 individuals for their dedication to Acts Ministries' Community Health Day and their community engagement efforts in the Four Corners neighborhood.

1590 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Margarita Lebron.

1591 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Sonya Owens.

1592 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ro'Shawn Brooks-Graham and Zoleeya Diamond Joseph.

1593 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing five youth for demonstrating exceptional leadership in sports and academics, and for displaying discipline, teamwork, and resilience in athletics while also pursuing excellence and exhibiting curiosity in the classroom.

1594 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Captain Mark Morrison.

- 1595 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Asian American Association of Boston.
- 1596 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Warren Insurance Agency.
- 1597 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ethos on National Seniors Day.
- 1598 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Tiffany Horne.
- 1599 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Anne "Nana" Scanlon.
- 1600 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Mary "Colette" Burke.
- 1601 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Joseph F. Shone.
- 1602 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nuevo Dia Adult Day Health.
- 1603 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Fisherman's Feast.
- 1604 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Ai Li Tanmorin.
- 1605 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Ricardo Miguel Zeferino Barbosa.
- 1606 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of the family of Edward Kenney.
- 1607 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Edward Kenney.
- 1608 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of William Driscoll.
- 1609 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.
- 1610 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary and naming August 23, 2025 "Jonas Brothers Day" in the City of Boston.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:56 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Joseph Casper, Marie Turley, to meet again on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Dassie Bheecham
Assistant City Clerk