



September 17, 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, September 17, 2025, at 12:05 P.M.

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

Pastor Martha Deleon, New Beginnings Ministry, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the September 10, 2025 City Council meeting.
Motions prevailed.

1657 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount not to exceed the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from the Department of Conservation and Recreation for a study relative to a natural resilience barrier to protect high tide and storm surge flooding at Tenean Street along Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Red Line, commuter rail tracks and Tenean Beach in the Dorchester section of the City of Boston.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

1658 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Forty-One Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$222,041.20) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Activities Administration Grant, awarded by 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 a program that focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, between the ages of 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

1659 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$173,229.50) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Adult Activities Administration Grant, awarded by 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 creation of a seamless system of adult education, workforce preparation and training services.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

- 1660** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$89,593.02) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Administration Grant, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 1661** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) in the form of a grant for the DMH FY26 Co-Response Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Mental Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund one full-time recovery coach through BEST.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1662** 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 FY26 DMH Training Grant, awarded by the MA Department of Mental Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund overtime costs to backfill the Crisis Intervention Team training and other mental health training for officers.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1663** 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 Literacy Campaign Grant, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund a Citywide Literacy campaign for children to develop a lifelong love for reading, encourage families to incorporate reading and literacy activities into daily routines and celebrate Boston's diversity by offering inclusive, and multicultural literacy resources.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1664** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a grant, the AI Research Grant, awarded by Schmidt Sciences, a philanthropic organization run by the Schmidt Family, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant will fund a project that will deliver the first randomized evidence on how Generative AI tools affect day-to-day work in a large U.S. city government.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 1665** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: relative to the Assessment of Commercial Properties in the City of Boston, Docket #1286, passed by the Council on June 25, 2025.
Placed on file.
- 1666** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Dorie Withey as ex-officio member of the Task Force on Literacy Rates, effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- 0167** Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.
Remains in the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

1570 Order to hold a meeting to interview applicants for the Community Preservation Committee.

Remains in the Committee on Community Preservation Act.

0768 Order for a hearing to discuss water and sewer infrastructure in Chinatown and the Leather District.

Remains in the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

On motion of President Louijeune, Docket #1670 was taken out of order.

1670 **Councilor Santana, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to ensure access to lifesaving online resources for LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized communities in response to proposed state and federal digital censorship legislation.

Referred to the Committee on Civil Rights, Racial Equity and Immigrant Advancement.

1667 **Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22, Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

1668 **Councilor Flynn, Breadon, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of Boston Fire Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Firefighters for Stylianos Katikakis.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 9 (Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber), not present 3 (Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Worrell).

On motion of President Louijeune, Docket #1672 was taken out of order.

1672 **Councilor Santana, Breadon, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September 23, 2025 as International Celebrate Bisexuality Day and Bi+ Visibility Day.

On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1669 **Councilor Worrell, Santana, Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:**

Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 Budget.

On motion of Councilors Worrell and Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Mejia as an original co-sponsor.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

1671 **Councilor Worrell, Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September as Baby Safety Month to promote infant safety and injury prevention in Boston.

On motion of Councilors Worrell and Pepén, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

17/25 Legislative Calendar for September 17, 2025.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, one late filed matter would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matter was added:

- 1688 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order to suspend Rule 34, in part, so that the Committee on the Community Preservation Act may conduct interviews for the Community Preservation Committee.
On motion of Councilor Pepén, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.

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

- 1673 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Rita M. Mahoney.
- 1674 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Martyn Roetter.
- 1675 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Serge Savard.
- 1676 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing 11 people and an organization for Bi-Visibility Day.
- 1677 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nathaniel Thomas.
- 1678 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Hill Tavern.
- 1679 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 38 Boston 311 staff members.
- 1680 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 16 members of the Berea Seventh-Day Adventist Church.
- 1681 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tamika Tomlinson.
- 1682 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Cecile Ward.
- 1683 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Boston Glory 2025 Team.
- 1684 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jameson & Thompson's 40th Anniversary.
- 1685 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of John Linehan.
- 1686 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing E. Chris Kaitson.
- 1687 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Basil Mossaidis.

The Chair stated in absence of objection, one late file matter would be added to the Consent Agenda. No objection being heard, the following item was added:

- 1689 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of James G. "Jimmy" Ashe.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 1:46 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Maria Argelia Aguilar, Lawrence R. Manning, Edward Welby, James "Jimmy" Ashe and John "Jack" Linehan, to meet again on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk