



**October 08, 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, October 8, 2025 at 12:05 PM.

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

Pastor Matthew Thompson, Jr., Jubilee Christian Church, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the October 1, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

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[1777](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$2,316,369.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY26 Title III-C Nutrition Services Program Grant, awarded by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

[1778](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$1,067,829.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY26 Title III-B Supportive Services Grant, awarded by the United State Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund home-based support services for older adults in the City of Boston.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

[1779](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$540,791.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY26 Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund caregiver services for older adults in the City of Boston.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

- 1780** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$470,366.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY26 Title III-A Area Plan Administration Grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund costs for the administration of Title III programs. The grant will fund consumer protection programs to improve long-term services for older adults in the City of Boston.  
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1781** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$177,619.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY26 Title III - Ombudsman Program grant, awarded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund consumer protection programs to improve long-term services for older adults in the City of Boston  
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1782** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Two Dollars (\$84,002.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY26 Title III-D Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund services that assist older adults in Boston to prevent illness and manage chronic conditions.  
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1783** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation of eight hand dryers and the labor and materials required for installation of those dryers valued at Eleven Thousand Seventy Dollars (\$11,070.00), donated by Excel Dryer, in collaboration with Co-Design Collaborative. The Property Management Department will utilize these hand dryers in City Hall, Faneuil Hall, and the Thomas Johnson Community Center so that both City of Boston staff and members of the public may benefit from their use.  
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1784** 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 September 24, 2025.  
Placed on file.
- 1785** Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding a violent hate crime against LGBTQ+ neighbors.  
Placed on file.
- 1786** Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding the late-night riot in the South End.  
Placed on file.

Councilor Worrell, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following:

**1690** On the message and order, referred on September 24, 2025, Docket #1690, for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of a feasibility study and schematic design associated with a project for the Ruth Batson Academy, formerly known as the John W. McCormick School, located at 315 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to be read once and passed.

The report was accepted; the order was read once and passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

Assigned for further action.

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

**1276** On the message and Ordinance to prioritize surplus municipal property as affordable housing, the committee submitted a report recommending the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.

Councilor Worrell in the chair.

The report was accepted; the ordinance was passed in a new draft; yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

**1450** Order for a hearing to discuss next steps to improve street safety on the northern stretch of Hyde Park Avenue from Walk Hill Street to the Arborway.

Councilor Louijeune in the chair.

Remains in the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

**1787** **Councilor FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Elijah Osborne.

On motion of Councilor FitzGerald, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell); not present 1 (Durkan).

**1788** **Councilor FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of

Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Domingos Rosa.

On motion of Councilor FitzGerald, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell); not present 1 (Durkan).

- 1789 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Tianna Taylor-Roseney.  
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell); not present 1 (Durkan).
- 1790 Councilor Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Edny Joseph.  
On motion of Councilor Weber, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell); not present 1 (Durkan).
- 1791 Councilor Breadon, Louijeune, Coletta Zapata, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the role of publicly-owned grocery stores in addressing food insecurity.  
On motion of Councilors Breadon and Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Coletta Zapata as an original co-sponsor.  
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 1792 Councilor Breadon, Louijeune, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the minimum wage in Massachusetts.  
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 1793 Councilor Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Boston.  
On motion of Councilors Flynn and Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Murphy as an original co-sponsor.  
On motion of Councilors Flynn, Louijeune and Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11; (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell); not present 1 (Durkan).
- 1794 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Mejia, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of an East Boston Cultural District designation.  
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Mejia as an original co-sponsor.  
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata, Louijeune and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

**1795 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Mejia, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution supporting Boston's police officers and first responders and condemning violence against those who serve.

On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilors Murphy, Flynn and FitzGerald, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 10; (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 2 (Durkan, Pepén).

**1796 Councilor Louijeune, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Boston.

On motion of Councilors Louijeune and Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 10 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 2 (Durkan, Pepén).

**1797 Councilor Louijeune, Mejia, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Councilor Worrell in the chair.

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

On motion of Councilors Louijeune, Mejia and Weber, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

Councilor Louijeune in the chair.

**/8/25 Legislative Calendar for October 8, 2025.**

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

**1798 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 28 Hyde Park legacy businesses.

**1799 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Sally's Apizza.

**1800 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Christine O'Malley.

**1801 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Junior Pena.

**1802 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing CrossFit 617.

**1803 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Beth Emery.

**1804 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Lynda Goler.

**1805 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Matt Wilder.

**1806 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Cheryl Itri.



- 1807** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dr. Harry and Evanthia "Effie" Treon.
- 1808** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Eleanor Lovejoy.
- 1809** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Judge Kathleen Coffey.
- 1810** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Daughters of Penelope, Orion Chapter #130 Boston.
- 1811** Councilor Durkan offered the following: In memory of Catherine "Kay" Gallagher.
- 1812** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Darryl "DMC" McDaniels.
- 1813** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tony V.
- 1814** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Simon Kirke.
- 1815** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Alia Albeer.
- 1816** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ralph Jaccodine.
- 1817** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Woody Giessmann.
- 1818** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Johnny Forbes.
- 1819** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Diane Modica.
- 1820** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Michael Gaeta.
- 1821** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tommy Welch.
- 1822** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Eduardo Moreno.
- 1823** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Lapels Laundromat.
- 1824** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.
- 1825** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Robert DeCristoforo.
- 1826** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution in memory of Rocco Telese.
- 1827** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution in memory of Maria Argelia Aguilar.

**1828 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the MWOC.

**1829 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution declaring October 24, 2025, as Jaylen Brown Day in the City of Boston.

**1830 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tu Hispanidad Flag Day.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Rocco Telese, Joseph Gerald Denemoustier, Marie Maguire, Peter Joseph Meade, Ann Nancy Lee, Luis A. Valez-Cortes, Andre Taylor and Greg Timilty, to meet again on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk