



May 20, 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, May 20, 2026 at 12:12 PM.

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

Reverend Kaitlin Ho Givens, Resurrection Church of East Boston, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the May 13, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

1030 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Forty-Seven Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$47,120,292.00) for purposes of funding the Snow & Winter Management appropriation to meet operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1031 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Twenty-Two Million Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$22,845,672.00) for purposes of funding Boston Public Schools to meet operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation request was approved by the Boston School Committee on May 6, 2026, and is intended to cover projected deficits in health insurance (\$18,087,750.00) and utility spending (\$4,757,922.00).
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1032 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$2,520,000.00) in the form of a grant, YouthWorks Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund a Summer and School Year jobs program that will provide leadership development, skills training, and career exploration for low-income at-risk youth ages 14-25 years old.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

- 1033** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$178,000.00) in the form of a grant, the RAY Fellowship grant, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Environment. The grant would fund a two-year, paid fellowship that provides recent college graduates from historically underrepresented communities with the professional experience, mentorship, and leadership development needed to launch careers in the environmental sector.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1034** 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, Sports and Entertainment Events Fund Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office of Economic Development to be administered by the Office of Tourism. The grant would fund the City's plans to activate neighborhoods through watch parties that reflect the diversity and spirit of our communities. Each will feature a live match broadcast, family and youth-oriented programming, and opportunities for local small businesses to participate as food vendors. Watch parties are tentative pending match-up finalization. All watch parties will be held on City of Boston property. The City plans to host 6 watch parties, supported by this grant.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1035** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Four Thousand Ninety-Five Dollars (\$24,095.00) in the form of a grant, FY24 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement, awarded by United States Department of Justice, passed through the Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund training and continuing education for forensic examiners, criminalists and laboratory personnel.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 1036** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation valued at Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$428.67), representing the cost of tabling at the Boston Pride for the People Pride Festival to the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement by Boston Pride for the People. The purpose of this donation is to support the City's participation in the 2026 Boston Pride for the People Celebration. This table will enable the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement to promote City programs and events, distribute resources, and directly engage with residents during Pride.
On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1037** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Vineet Gupta as an Alternate Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

- 1038** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Susan Goganian as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1039** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Susan Goganian as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1040** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kathleen Connor as a Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission, for a term expiring December 31, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1041** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F relative to BPS student-athlete school transfer policies, Docket #0698, passed by the City Council on April 1, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 1042** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Erika Chen as a Member of the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- 1043** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Katherine Davis-Wheeler as a Member of the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- 1044** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Kay Schlozman as a Member of the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- 1045** 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 May 6, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 1046** Communication was received from the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission regarding the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Regulations and the Statements of Fiscal Effect and Small Business Impact report.
Placed on file.
- 1047** Communication was received from Timothy J. Smyth, Executive Officer of the Boston Retirement Board, regarding a Notice of a Retirement Board Election for vacant Retirement Board seats.
Placed on file.
- 1048** Communication was received from Councilor Murphy regarding the selective blocking of late file matters.
Placed on file.
- 1049** Communication was received from Councilors Miniard Culpepper and Brian Worrell regarding their absence from the May 15, 2026 Blue Hill Avenue Bus Ride-Along.
Placed on file.

- 1050** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding a recent violation on the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board.
Placed on file.
- 1051** Communication was received from Councilor Weber regarding initial thoughts from the Chair on how the amendment process could work.
Placed on file.
- 1052** Communication was received from MassDOT regarding temporary closures of Summer Street.
Placed on file.

Dockets #0733-0735, Orders for the FY27 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

Councilor Worrell moved to suspend Rule 24 to call for a vote on Docket #0733 to reject the Budget. Seconded by Councilor Mejia.

The motion did not carry: yeas 6 (Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Worrell), nays 6 (Breadon, Durkan, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

Remain in the Committee on Ways and Means.

Dockets #0736-0737, Orders for capital fund transfer appropriations.

Remain in the Committee on Ways and Means.

Dockets #0738-0740, Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements.

Remain in the Committee on Ways and Means.

Docket #0747, Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Boston Center for Youth & Families (BCYF) revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from tuition paid by parents or guardians of children enrolled at the center. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00).

Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

- 0591** Order for a hearing to review funding, reimbursement, and accountability for police overtime details in the City of Boston.
Remains in the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0696** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Police Department staffing levels.
Remains in the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 1053** **Councilor Culpepper, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Age Waiver for the Maximum Age Requirement for Jorge Enriquez to Join the Boston Police Department.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed: yeas 10 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber, Worrell) not present 2 (Durkan, Santana), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1054** **Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to 17F Reform.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

- 1055 Councilor Murphy, Flynn and FitzGerald offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding immediate replacement funding for Boston firefighter cancer screenings, health screenings, mental health supports, and safety, health, and wellness programming before the FY27 budget vote. On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor. Withdrawn.
- 1056 Councilor Worrell, Culpepper, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine FY26 snow and winter management costs. Referred to the Committee on Post-Audit.
- 1057 Councilor Culpepper, Murphy, Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding cancer-causing chemicals in Boston Fire Department turnout gear and the transition to PFAs-free replacement uniforms. On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Murphy and Flynn as original co-sponsors. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 1058 Councilor Worrell, Culpepper, Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine FY27 property tax rates. On motion of Councilors Worrell and Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Mejia as an original co-sponsor. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1059 Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding new City positions created since January 15, 2025. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1060 Councilor Pepén, Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National Emergency Medical Services Week 2026. On motion of Councilors Pepén and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Murphy as an original co-sponsor. On motion of Councilors Pepén, Flynn, and Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1061 Councilor Pepén, Durkan, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing May as Bike Month. On motion of Councilor Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Durkan and Breadon as original co-sponsors. On motion of Councilors Pepén, Durkan, and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1062 Councilor Santana, Mejia, Pepén, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing June 2026 as Immigrant Heritage Month in the City of Boston.

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

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

1063 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution commemorating Memorial Day and honoring our Gold Star Families and those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country.

On motion of Councilors Flynn and Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1064 Councilor Murphy, Flynn and Culpepper offered the following:

Resolution calling for the rescission of elected official salary increases and the redirection of savings to essential City services.

On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was not adopted: yeas 3 (Culpepper, Flynn, Murphy), nays 9 (Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1065 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:

Resolution recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Boston Debate League.

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

1066 Councilor Flynn, Mejia, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:

Resolution in support of 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and increasing the COLA base for retirees in the Boston Retirement System.

On motion of Councilors Flynn and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Durkan), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1067 WITHDRAWN.

1068 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Kilee Simon in City Council, effective May 23, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1069 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Kristen Ransom and Dylan Ferguson in City Council, effective May 23, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

- 1070** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Alexa Santana and Ayanna Hines in City Council, effective May 23, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 1071** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Jaden Smith in City Council, effective May 30, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 1072** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Megan Lovett in City Council, effective May 30, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0919** Councilor Flynn called Docket #0919, message and order authorizing the City of Boston Procurement Department to enter into a contract for a period of up to 5 years for the purchase of Biodiesel, ULSD, Octane, and #2 Heating Oil. 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 twelve of chapter 30B of the General Laws. A term longer than three years will enable the City to ensure that it gets the best price on purchases of Biodiesel, ULSD, Octane, and #2 Heating Oil by allowing the City to lock in lower costs for a longer period, from the Committee on City Services.
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Durkan), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0920** Councilor Flynn called Docket #0920, message and order authorizing the City of Boston Procurement Department to enter into a contract for a period of up to 5 years for the purchase of Harbor/Boat Fuel. 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 twelve of chapter 30B of the General Laws. A term longer than three years will enable the City to ensure that it gets the best price on purchases of Harbor/Boat Fuel by allowing the City to lock in lower costs for a longer period, from the Committee on City Services.
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Durkan), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

0762 Councilor Worrell called Docket #0762, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant, 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 would fund services to underserved populations in the most difficult-to-reach areas, both urban and rural, through free basic tax return preparation for qualified individuals, from the Committee on Labor and Economic Development.
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Durkan), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

0979 Councilor Santana called Docket #0979, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$49,476.00) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund the purchase of the necessary personal protective and safety equipment to comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards to enhance firefighter safety, from the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Durkan), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

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:

1082 Councilor Breadon for Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Amanda Curley, Jessica Correia, Liam Rimas, and Julie Ryan in City Council, effective May 30, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

1073 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Fenway Civic Association.

1074 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Neighborhood of West Roxbury's 175th anniversary celebration.

1075 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Eagle Scout Matthew Ethan Bareng.

1076 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mandy Bass.

1077 **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Glenway's Group of Musicians.

1078 **Councilor Pepén, Flynn and Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mothers Against Drugs Inc. (MADMOMS).

1079 Councilor Durkan and Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Emerson College UnCommon Corner.

1080 Councilor Durkan and Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Copley Square Farmer's Market.

1081 Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dr. Imari K. Paris Jeffries.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of World War II Veteran John Bernard Arnold III, Roscoe Baker, Nerva Desir, and Congressman Barney Frank, to meet again on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk