



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 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.
- 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).

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- [1042](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Erika Chen as a Member of the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
- [1043](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Katherine Davis-Wheeler as a Member of the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
- [1044](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Kay Schlozman as a Member of the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.

- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [1048](#) Communication was received from Councilor Murphy regarding the selective blocking of late file matters.
- [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.
- [1050](#) Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding a recent violation on the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board.
- [1051](#) Communication was received from Councilor Weber regarding initial thoughts from the Chair on how the amendment process could work.
- [1052](#) Communication was received from MassDOT regarding temporary closures of Summer Street.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

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).

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

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

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).

0591 Order for a hearing to review funding, reimbursement, and accountability for police overtime details in the City of Boston.

0696 Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Police Department staffing levels.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1053 **Councilor Culpepper 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.

1054 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to 17F Reform.

1055 **Councilor Murphy and Flynn 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.

1056 **Councilor Worrell and Culpepper offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine FY26 snow and winter management costs.

1057 **Councilor Culpepper 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.

1058 **Councilor Worrell and Culpepper offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine FY27 property tax rates.

1059 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding new City positions created since January 15, 2025.

1060 **Councilor Pepén and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National Emergency Medical Services Week 2026.

- 1061 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing May as Bike Month.
- 1062 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing June 2026 as Immigrant Heritage Month in the City of Boston.
- 1063 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution commemorating Memorial Day and honoring our Gold Star Families and those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country.
- 1064 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution calling for the rescission of elected official salary increases and the redirection of savings to essential City services.
- 1065 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Boston Debate League.
- 1066 Councilor Flynn 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.
- 1067 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution urging the Boston City Council to fulfill its fiscal duty by pursuing the budget amendment process.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

GREEN SHEETS:

20/26 Legislative Calendar for May 20, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

May 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of forty-seven million one hundred and twenty thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$47,120,292) 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.

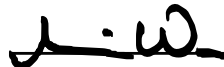
As noted in our March update to the Council, even as revenues have come in at or above target in this current fiscal year, historic snowfall levels in early 2026 resulted in a deficit in the snow removal budget that surpassed what could be managed through standard adjustments. This reflects a broader regional trend; nearly 80 percent of communities in Massachusetts had to secure additional funding to cover snow-related costs exceeding their budgets in FY25. In five of the six fiscal years prior to FY25, the City of Boston underspent our budgeted snow removal line, resulting in surpluses that accumulated in the general fund and contributed to the City's reserve balances. This year's storm activity is precisely the kind of unforeseen, non-recurring cost that reserves exist to address.

Spending controls, including delayed hiring, for FY26 were first put into place in December 2025 in order to both manage current year uncertainty with the spike in health insurance costs for City employees and prepare for a FY27 budget under continued federal economic stress. In response to the significant snowfall and projected \$48.4 million deficit in March 2026, additional, stricter expenditure controls, including continued delayed hiring and freezes on non-personnel expenditures, were put into place so that the City could minimize any additional deficit. These expenditure controls will remain active through the end of the fiscal year and continue to mitigate overall FY26 costs.

This request is a reflection of responsible fiscal management to close the fiscal year with a balanced budget after careful oversight to mitigate unexpected one-time expenses. Boston's top bond rating with a stable outlook, affirmed by both major rating agencies earlier this month, reflects disciplined financial stewardship, strong reserves, and a consistent commitment to meeting the City's long-term obligations. That standing gives us the flexibility to deploy reserves as intended—to address extraordinary, one-time costs without disrupting the core services our residents rely on. This appropriation is consistent with that approach and leaves the City on solid financial footing.

The expenditures related to this appropriation are considered extraordinary and one-time in nature as non-recurring costs of the City, and therefore, are appropriate to be funded with non-recurring revenue. As such, unrestricted prior-year budgetary fund balance, or free cash, will be used as the source of funding for this request. The City's free cash has been certified by the Director of Accounts at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and is now available for appropriation. I respectfully request your favorable action on this order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THAT FORTY-SEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$47,120,292) BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE SNOW AND WINTER MANAGEMENT APPROPRIATION.

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the sum of FORTY-SEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$47,120,292) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds on hand as certified by the Director of Accounts pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

331-Snow & Winter Management \$47,120,292

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. 5/15/26
BY [Signature] (PAS)
MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

May 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an 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) 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) and utility spending (\$4,757,922).

Over the course of FY26, BPS has been managing projected cost overruns in a number of areas, including historically high health care premiums, yellow bus transportation, and student food services. In November 2025, the district paused Central Office hiring, stipends, and contracts; and in December 2025 expanded to district-wide controls. Through these spending controls and active management, the projected deficit has decreased by approximately \$20 million.

Current projections for the remaining FY26 budget deficit are primarily due to health insurance and utility costs, both of which have seen unusual and unexpected cost growth this year. The administration has taken proactive steps to manage these areas of spending in our proposed FY27 budget and beyond to ensure that BPS can continue to invest in core academic priorities—even amid a challenging budgetary environment.

The expenditures related to this appropriation are one-time in nature and non-recurring costs of the City, and therefore are appropriate to be funded with non-recurring revenue. As such, unrestricted prior-year budgetary fund balance, or free cash, will be used as the source of funding for this request. The City's free cash has been certified by the Director of Accounts at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and is now available for appropriation. I respectfully request your favorable action on this order.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



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Michelle Wu**

05-12-2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an 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 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.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND YouthWorks grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$2,520,000.00)** 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. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, YouthWorks grant award not to exceed the amount of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$2,520,000.00)**.

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**In City Council
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City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by 

Michael Firestone
Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
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Michelle Wu**

05-18-2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an 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.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the RAY Fellowship grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY the Barr Foundation.

WHEREAS, the the Barr Foundation, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Environment; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$178,000.00**) 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. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the the Barr Foundation, the RAY Fellowship grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$178,000.00**).

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an 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 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.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Sports and Entertainment Events Fund Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office of Economic Development.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Tourism; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$100,000.00**) would fund The City 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. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, Sports and Entertainment Events Fund Grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$100,000.00**).

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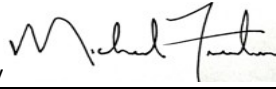
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Michael Firestone
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

05-12-2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an 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.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY24 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department Of Justice AND Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory.

WHEREAS, the United States Department Of Justice and Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$24,095.00**) would fund training and continuing education for forensic examiners, criminalists and laboratory personnel. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department Of Justice, and Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory' FY24 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement award not to exceed the amount of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (**\$24,095.00**).

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City Clerk

Mayor

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Michael Firestone
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

May 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation valued at \$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 LGBTQ+ Advancement to promote City programs and events, distribute resources, and directly engage with residents during Pride.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order as expeditiously as possible, so that the City may receive and expend the donation for the purpose for which it was awarded.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A DONATION OF AN EVENT TABLE VALUED AT FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$428.67).

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2s+ Advancement, be, and hereby is, authorized pursuant to Section 53A½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a donation from Boston Pride for the People consisting of the event cost to table at the 2026 Boston Pride for the People Pride Festival, valued at four hundred twenty-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$428.67).

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
**MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order confirming the appointment of Vineet Gupta of 1 Avery Street, Apartment 30C, Boston, Massachusetts 02111 as an Alternate Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Vineet Gupta shall serve a term expiring on June 30, 2026.

I am appointing Vineet Gupta to the Alternate Member position pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation. Vineet Gupta is an Alternate Member appointee of the Mayor. I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Vineet Gupta as an Alternate Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Sincerely,

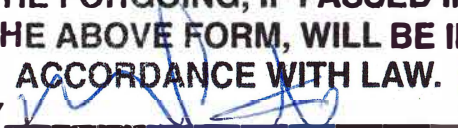
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CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF VINEET GUPTA AS AN
ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Vineet Gupta of 1 Avery Street, Apartment 30C, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, as an Alternate Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
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BY  **MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL


Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order confirming the appointment of Susan Goganian of 1162 Romsey Street, #2, Boston, MA 02125 as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Susan Goganian shall serve a term expiring on June 30, 2026.

I am appointing Susan Goganian to the Member position pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation. Susan Goganian is a Member appointee of the Mayor. I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Susan Goganian as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission.

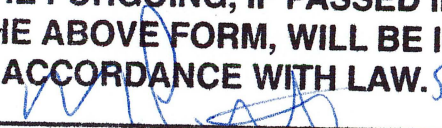
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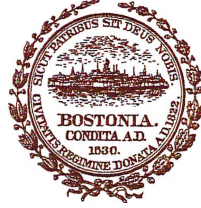

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IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN GOGANIAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Susan Goganian of 1162 Romsey Street, #2, Boston, MA 02125, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. 5/11**
BY  **MICHAEL FIRESTONE**
CORPORATION COUNSEL (KAS)



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order confirming the appointment of Susan Goganian of 1162 Romsey Street, #2, Boston, MA 02125 as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission.

Susan Goganian shall serve a term expiring on June 30, 2026.

I am appointing Susan Goganian to the Member position pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation. Susan Goganiann shall serve as a Boston Landmarks Commission member. I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Susan Goganian as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN GOGANIAN AS A
MEMBER OF THE FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Susan Goganian of 1162 Romsey Street, #2, Boston, MA 02125, as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.** 5/14
BY Michael Firestone (KAT)
**MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order confirming the reappointment of Kathleen Connor of 100 Arlington Street, #2H, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 as a member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission.

Kathleen Connor shall serve a term expiring on December 31, 2026.

I am appointing Kathleen Connor to the Back Bay Architectural District Commission pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 625 of the Acts of 1966 and Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation. Kathleen Connor is a nominee of the Back Bay Association. I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Kathleen Connor as a member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission.

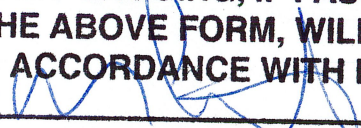
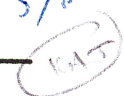
Sincerely,

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Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN CONNOR TO THE
BACK BAY ARCHITECTURAL DISTRICT COMMISSION.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 625 of the Acts of 1966 and Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Kathleen Connor of 100 Arlington Street, #2H, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, as a Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission, for a term expiring December 31, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. 5/10**
BY  **MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL** 



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

March 18, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to BPS student-athlete school transfer policies. (**Docket #0698 passed by Council on 4/1/2026**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

1. SARB Investigation Policies and Framework

a. Provide information on the composition and governance of the Sports Administration Review Board (SARB), including the process by which members are appointed, the criteria for their selection, and the extent to which the Board operates as an independent and impartial decision-making body.

The Sports Administration Review Board (SARB) functions as the former BPS Eligibility Review Board (ERB). The name change reflects the title of the Sports Administration Department.

Sports Administration Review Board Membership

Board membership is selected by the BPS Executive Director of Sports Administration. Members of the board can interchange while maintaining the membership expectation as stated below. The school leaders on the board have experience with athletics rules and regulations or have served on MIAA committees in the past.

Board members will consist of the following BPS staff:

- Chief of Student Support
- Executive Director of Sports Administration (facilitator)
- Senior Athletic Director
- Minimum of three Heads of School
- One district-wide staff member

b. Provide a detailed explanation of how SARB investigations are conducted, including any written policies or procedures governing the process and the individual(s) responsible for leading investigations. Describe the SARB review process, including:

i. Investigation timeline;

- The SARB reviews investigations presented to them by BPS Athletics and/or heads of schools. Investigations timelines are not standardized. Boston Public Schools is an open enrollment district with multiple MIAA member schools. Smaller cities and towns may receive one or two student transfers per season while BPS could review fifteen to twenty, which necessitates more flexibility. Investigations are based on the nature of the rules/regulations that are being investigated and the number of interviews or evidence that needs to be collected. For investigations involving eligibility, the SARB aims to submit their review by the MIAA Appeals Deadline for the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons.

ii. Whether students are interviewed as part of eligibility determinations;

- Investigations primarily involve the schools, coaches, and athletic personnel. Students may be interviewed as part of an investigation when appropriate and necessary. When individual cases are reviewed, not all lead to an investigation.
- iii. Describe the student interview process;
- Students are consulted only if more information is needed. A parent/ guardian will be present in this case and translation will be provided as needed.
- iv. Whether SARB produces written factual findings; and
- v. Whether such findings are maintained as public records and made accessible to the City Council upon request.
- SARB does maintain written documentation regarding its determinations. These records outline the basis for eligibility decisions, ensuring that the process is consistent, documented, and adheres to established athletic and district policies. While the SARB maintains these records for administrative and compliance purposes, they are **not** public records available for general disclosure. This is because they are classified as Student Records. The findings may contain highly sensitive, personally identifiable information (PII) related to individual students, including details regarding IEP's, housing status, and financial or personal hardships.
- c. Clarify whether allegations of athletic recruitment are treated as a presumptive basis for disqualification, and describe the formal review process, if any, conducted prior to a determination of ineligibility.
- Yes, allegations of recruitment are treated as presumptive, meaning the burden of proof lies with the sending school.
- i. If a student is deemed ineligible based on allegations of recruitment, how Does SARB conduct its investigation? Who leads the investigation, and Which parties are interviewed? Are students and parents formally notified of the investigation, and if so, how? Do students have a meaningful opportunity to respond to or contest the allegations before a final determination is made?
- Investigations are handled by Athletics Department personnel and/or Central Office personnel. If the case is referred to the MIAA, BPS Athletics will work with the MIAA and the schools on gathering any information. Generally, the course of investigations and any interviews are determined based on the claims alleged. Students are part of the investigation when necessary. If a student is not involved in the investigation, school-based personnel will inform the student/family of any outcomes.
- d. Describe the appeals process following a determination of ineligibility, including applicable timelines and opportunities for students and families to be heard.
- Seasonal Deadline for MIAA Appeals
 - Fall Sports- September 22
 - Winter Sports- December 15
 - Spring Sports- April 1
 - Internally we collaborate with schools to review all eligibility appeals before they are submitted to the MIAA. The internal SARB review allows all parties involved to understand the hardship necessitating the appeal and ensures that we are providing accurate information, that can be supported, to the MIAA

i. If a receiving school declines to appeal to the MIAA on behalf of a student, may a student independently initiate an appeal within BPS SARB?

- No. The MIAA member school, and school leader, must initiate and execute all MIAA appeals. This is dictated by MIAA rules.

e. Provide annual data, for the past ten years, on the number of student-athlete transfers resulting in either eligibility or ineligibility:

- We do not currently collect this data.

iii. For students deemed ineligible, reasons provided explaining the basis for that determination, and written factual findings produced to support the decision.

- Students are determined ineligible based on MIAA and BPS rules and regulations. Schools and students are informed when this is the case. The school leader is informed and it is their responsibility to inform the student and coaches. A written notification is only provided if there is an appeal. Not all reviews lead to an investigation.

f. Describe how BPS tracks and evaluates the reasons for student-athlete transfers, including those related to Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and provide data from the past academic year.

- The Form 200 serves as the tracking tool for the MIAA
- IEPs are supported by a school based team and led/guided by a Central Office Department. Any transfers are documented by school based teams.

i. Indicate if the BPS Chief of Specialized Services is involved in reviewing student-athlete transfer cases related to a student's IEP.

- No, the Chief does not review all student transfers.

g. Describe any accountability mechanisms in place to ensure timely and complete responses from sending schools to Form 200 requests.

- The Form 200 is required before a student can participate. It is difficult to impose a hard deadline given the nature of self-reporting by the schools. BPS Athletics may not always have the ability to uncover eligibility issues without the school's support and cooperation. Some cases present themselves early, some are discovered closer to season deadlines. It is important that schools self-report because sanctions could be imposed for playing an ineligible player during MIAA sanctioned competitions. These sanctions could include suspensions and even forfeiting of games. The accountability mechanisms in place are:
 - The use of Aspen
 - Consent Forms
 - Student Transfer Data
 - Form 200
 - SARB Review

h. Outline the protocols in place to ensure language access and translation services for families participating in transfer or eligibility proceedings.

- Welcome Services process transfer requests. For more information, including how a parent/ guardian can request translation services please [see here](#).

i. How are families notified of transfer or eligibility proceedings?

- Families initiate transfer requests and Welcome Services processes them. The question of eligibility heavily relies on the self-reporting of the schools. Each school is responsible for verifying student-athlete eligibility and communicating eligibility to the students. Any results of the eligibility process will be communicated to the school, and the school would communicate to the student/family.
- i. Describe the evidentiary standard or burden of proof applied in determining student-athlete eligibility or ineligibility.
 - There are many factors that determine eligibility. Please see MIAA Handbook Rules 52-62.
 - j. Indicate how frequently BPS central leadership has intervened in transfer eligibility cases and under what circumstances.
 - Data for prior years is not available. For SY25-26, 12 cases made it to SARB Review of which 2 cases were submitted to BPS Central Office for additional consultation or investigation.
 - k. Describe any protocols addressing potential conflicts of interest, including whether staff are ever recused from cases under investigation.
 - If there is a conflict of interest, it is generally reported using the **DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3) Form.**
 - l. Indicate whether BPS has considered or implemented an independent review mechanism for student-athlete transfer determinations.
 - BPS follows MIAA rules and regulations

2. MIAA Form 200 Protocols

- a. Describe the step-by-step process for initiating and completing a Form 200, including any required timelines for receiving and sending schools.
 - MIAA Handbook, pg 52 (MIAA Resource)
 - Understanding the Form 200
- b. Provide annual data, for the past ten years:
 - i. The number of Form 200 submissions initiated;
 - ii. The number approved; and
 - iii. The number denied or not certified by a sending school.

We do not currently possess this data
- c. Clarify the process for submitting and reviewing allegations of recruitment under Form 200, including:
 - i. Who is responsible for submitting written proof;
 - A school that alleges there is a violation of a rule or regulation.
 - ii. What documentation is considered sufficient;
 - Depending on the alleged violation, there are many different forms of documentation that can be sufficient. Typically it is anything that supports the claim.
 - iii. The process, timeline, and decision-making authority used to evaluate such evidence; and
 - MIAA is notified.
 - MIAA would ask the school and/or BPS Athletics to report findings within a certain amount of time (dependent on when the claim was received).
 - MIAA would ask for any results from a school or school system's internal review board.

- Results are given to MIAA
- MIAA rules on the decision.
- Schools can appeal with the MIAA or internally with the SARB.

iv. How does Boston Public Schools respond to allegations of retaliation against a student for requesting a school transfer? What safeguards are in place to ensure that Form 200 is not used or influenced as a means of retaliation by school staff?

- BPS Athletics supports each school fairly and impartially. BPS athletics will assist schools through the Form 200 process as well as appeals process when determined necessary. BPS follows the MIAA guidance, and any allegations pertaining to retaliation will be investigated by a cross-functional BPS team. While BPS works at all times to ensure compliance with MIAA rules, to ensure that all students can participate fully and fairly in athletics, the district also encourages all students to find the school within BPS that best meets their needs and supports them in meeting their educational goals and aspirations.

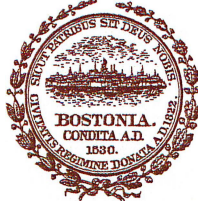
d. Describe any formal mechanisms through which BPS may provide feedback to the MIAA regarding transfer policies, and whether BPS has proposed changes to Rule 57 or related provisions.

- BPS is in constant communication with the MIAA about rules and regulations, review processes, and investigations.

3. Specific Cases

a. Provide all publicly available documentation related to the Amir Mohamed student-athlete transfer case, with appropriate redactions as necessary

Records BPS created in connection with this particular matter pertain to the student's educational progress, making them protected student records under both federal and state law, such that BPS cannot share them without the family's written consent.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 18, 2026

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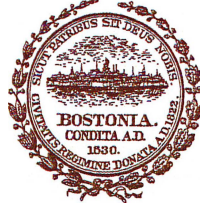
Upon the recommendation of the President and CEO of Embrace Boston, I hereby appoint Erika Chen of 42 Derby Street, Apartment 3, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145 to the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.

Erika Chen will serve until the appointment and qualification of her successor.

I am appointing Erika Chen pursuant to the authority vested in me by City of Boston Municipal Code 7-15.2, as amended. Erika Chen is a nominee of Embrace Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 18, 2026

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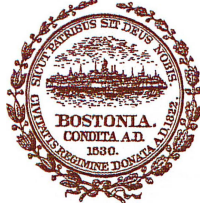
Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Boston Preservation Alliance, I hereby appoint Katherine Davis-Wheeler of 29 E Springfield #3, Boston, Massachusetts, 02118 to the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.

Katherine Davis-Wheeler will serve until the appointment and qualification of her successor.

I am appointing Katherine Davis-Wheeler pursuant to the authority vested in me by City of Boston Municipal Code 7-15.2, as amended. Katherine Davis-Wheeler is a nominee of the Boston Preservation Alliance.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 18, 2026

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I hereby appoint Kay Schlozman of 1 Huntington Avenue, Apt. 1401, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 to the Commemoration Commission effective immediately.

Kay Schlozman will serve until the appointment and qualification of her successor.

I am appointing Kay Schlozman pursuant to the authority vested in me by City of Boston Municipal Code 7-15.2, as amended. Kay Schlozman is nominated as an archivist seeking to preserve a diverse history pursuant to section 7-15.2(A)(6).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

May 11, 2026

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of May 6, 2026, viz.

0917 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$157,650.00) from the United States Department of the Interior, National Parks Service Semiquincentennial Grant. This grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for gravestone conservation in Dorchester North Burying Ground located in the neighborhood of Dorchester.

Approved by the Mayor May 11, 2026

0918 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00) from the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Cultural Facilities Fund Grant program. This grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for gravestone conservation in Dorchester North Burying Ground located in the neighborhood of Dorchester.

Approved by the Mayor May 11, 2026

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



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Simplified Chinese: 简体中文

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BUILDING EMISSIONS REDUCTION AND DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE REGULATIONS



BOSTON AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION BUILDING EMISSIONS REDUCTION AND DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE CITY OF BOSTON CODE, ORDINANCES, CHAPTER VII-II.II

Approved by vote of the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission on 9/17/2025

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I. **Introduction.** The following Regulations are promulgated by the City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission (“the Commission”) pursuant to the authority granted to it under Chapter VII, Section 7-2.2 of the City of Boston Code.

II. **References.** References to Section 7-2.2 are to Chapter VII, Section 7-2.2 of the City of Boston Code.

III. **Definitions.** Terms defined in Section 7-2.2 have the same meanings for purposes of these Regulations and those definitions are hereby incorporated by reference. Terms related to data reporting that are not otherwise defined shall have the same meanings as in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager. For the purposes of this section, the following additional terms are defined as follows:

Campus District Energy System means a District Energy System where the central generating plant, piped infrastructure, and all connected buildings that receive one or more of the generated products share a common owner.

Deed-Restricted Residential Building means any Residential Building that has and maintains a recorded deed restriction or covenant that restricts the occupancy of fifty (50) percent or more of the units to households earning incomes below eighty (80) percent of the Area Median Income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These recorded deed restrictions may be connected to funding provided by sources such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, or the City of Boston, including the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.

District Energy System means a system providing energy to more than one building, or fixed energy-consuming use, from one or more thermal energy production facilities through pipes, or other means, to provide space heating, space conditioning, hot water, steam, chilled water, compression, electricity, process energy, or other end uses for that energy.

Emissions Intensity means Emissions divided by the Gross Floor Area for which those Emissions are applicable.

Energy Type means any Energy source used in a building, including, but not limited to, electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, propane, steam, and hot and chilled water, and any other Energy Types that the Commission may designate.

Energy Use Intensity means Energy consumption divided by the Gross Floor Area for which that consumption is applicable.

Ordinance means City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter VII, Sections 7-2.1 and 7-2.2.

Owner, as defined in Section 7-2.2, means a Building’s Owner of record, provided that the "Owner" may be deemed to include (i) multiple Owners in common ownership; (ii) the association or organization of unit Owners responsible for overall management in the case of a condominium; and (iii) the board of directors in the case of a cooperative apartment

corporation. In the case of a Building subject to a lease that assigns maintenance, regulatory compliance and/or capital improvement costs to Tenants with a term of at least thirty (30) years, inclusive of all renewal options, the Owner may designate the lessee as “Owner” for purposes of compliance with this Subsection; such designation must be provided in writing to the Commission as required by the Regulations. An Owner may designate an agent to act on its behalf, including reporting as required by this Subsection; provided, however, that such designation (i) must be provided in writing to the Commission, and (ii) does not relieve the Owner of any compliance obligation under this Subsection.

Policies and Procedures means those certain BERDO policies and procedures, as may be amended, modified, or restated from time to time, adopted on [DATE PLACEHOLDER].

Space Type, also referred to as Building Use, means the primary activity for which a given building or part of a building is utilized.

Sponsor means a nonprofit organization that: (i) is exempt from income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; (ii) has material control over the operations of a Building; and (iii) either: (1) is a certified Community Development Corporation as defined in G.L. chapter 40H; (2) is a certified Community Housing Development Organization pursuant to 24 CFR section 92.2; or (3) has been determined by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to have a history of successful development of affordable housing projects in the Commonwealth.

Tenant, as defined in Section 7-2.2, means any tenant, tenant-stockholder of a cooperative apartment corporation, and condominium unit Owner.

Verification Year, as defined in Section 7-2.2, means any year where an Owner must report third-party verified reporting data. Verification Years will be 2022, 2026, and every five years thereafter.

Whole-Building Data means complete Energy consumption data for all Energy Types used in a building and complete water data for an entire building, inclusive of Tenant spaces and uses.

IV. **Reporting Process.** Owners must annually report data through ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and/or other methods or reporting platforms as outlined in guidance documents issued by the Environment Department. Data should be reported in accordance with the requirements in Section 7-2.2, the following provisions and any other methods detailed in guidance documents issued by the Environment Department.

a. **Energy and Water Use.**

- (i) Owners shall report Whole-Building Data for all Energy and water uses. Owners that are unable to obtain Whole-Building Data shall follow the procedures in section IV.e. of these Regulations.

- (ii) Owners that procure Energy through Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) or any equivalent electricity municipal aggregation program, or Owners whose Tenants procure Energy through such program, may provide evidence of enrollment in such program when reporting a Building's Energy use in accordance with any guidance documents issued by the Environment Department.
- (iii) Owners that authorize an Energy or water utility or other third party to report Building-specific data on their behalf shall remain responsible for verifying the accuracy of such data. Any discrepancies between data provided by a utility or other third-party and reported data must be indicated in the "Property Notes" section of ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department. The direct upload of such data by a utility or other third party does not relieve an Owner of the duty to report other required data.

b. Calculation of Gross Floor Area.

- (i) For the purpose of determining if a building meets the definition of Building in Section 7-2.2, Gross Floor Area or Area must be determined using records from the Boston Assessing Department. Boston Assessing Department records may be disputed in accordance with section VI.d of these Regulations. For any other purpose, Owners may either:
 - (a) Use the Gross Floor Area listed in the Boston Assessing Department records; or
 - (b) Calculate Gross Floor Area in accordance with the following provisions: (i) Gross Floor Area means the total number of square feet measured between the principal exterior surfaces of the enclosing fixed walls of the building, including tenant areas, lobbies, common areas, restrooms, stairways, elevator shafts, mechanical equipment rooms, basement space, and storage rooms; (ii) Gross Floor Area excludes all surface parking areas, unroofed courtyards, outdoor balconies, exterior loading docks, plenums between floors, and unroofed light wells; (iii) for atria, Gross Floor Area includes only the area of atrium floors; and (iv) for tenant spaces or interior Building Use(s), interior demising walls should be measured to the centerline of the wall. Owners that calculate Gross Floor Area in accordance with this provision must provide supporting documentation in annual reports to the Commission for purposes of third-party verification and, upon request, provide such supporting documentation to the Environment Department. Supporting documentation must be preserved pursuant to section XIV.

c. **Building Use Classifications.** For purposes of Section 7-2.2, the Building Use classifications in Appendix A of Policies and Procedures are assigned to ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager property types. Owners are encouraged to report all Building Uses and associated square footage in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department, including Building Uses that occupy less than ten (10) percent of the Building's square footage.

- (i) If ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager updates the property types listed in Appendix A of Policies and Procedures, the Environment Department may update said Appendix to reflect those changes.

d. **Vacant Space.** Owners must account for any vacant or unoccupied space in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department in accordance with ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager instructions or with guidance documents issued by the Environment Department.

e. **Buildings without Whole-Building Data.** If an Owner is not able to obtain Whole-Building Data for any Energy Type or water use, then the Owner must report such Energy Type use or water use as provided in this Subsection. In the event that an Owner does not have Whole-Building Data because Tenant(s) failed to respond to data requests and utilities have not provided Whole-Building Data within the time period specified in Section 7-2.2(o), the Owner shall also comply with the requirements in section IV.i.

- (i) **Common Area Energy and Water Use.** The Owner shall submit Energy and water use data for all common areas and all centrally metered areas.
- (ii) **Calculating Energy Use in Tenant Spaces.** For each Energy Type used in separately metered Tenant space, the Owner must report known Energy usage data and then use one of the following methods to determine Energy usage for the areas in which it is unknown, for each month.
 - (a) **With Significant Partial Data for a Building Use.** If an Owner has actual Energy use data for at least fifty (50) percent of a given Building Use, the Owner shall extrapolate the Energy data for the remainder of Gross Floor Area with the same Building Use. This extrapolation shall be applied only to those areas for which Energy use is unknown and shall be calculated by (i) multiplying the average Energy Use Intensity of the floor areas for which Energy Use Intensity is known by the total floor area for which the Energy Use Intensity is not known, and (ii) multiplying the result from step (i) by one hundred and fifty (150) percent.

(b) **Without Significant Partial Data for a Building Use.** If an Owner does not have actual Energy use data for at least fifty (50) percent of any particular Building Use, the Owner shall utilize the default values set by Policies and Procedures, applied only to those areas for which Energy use is unknown, and following the methodology included in Policies and Procedures.

(iii) **Noting When Whole-Building Use Data Is Not Available.** In accordance with guidance documents issued by the Environment Department, Owners shall indicate when Whole-Building Data for Energy or water use is not available and where extrapolated data is used.

g. **Contextual Information.** Owners may supply contextual information regarding their required data, including hyperlinks, in the “Property Notes” section of ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department, or via any supplemental reporting methods detailed by the Environment Department in guidance documents. Such contextual information may be included in public disclosures. Contextual information shall conform to guidance that the Environment Department may issue regarding acceptable length and formats.

h. **New Information.** If, after having submitted a report to the Commission, the Owner of a Building changes or an Owner receives or becomes aware of new or updated information that would result in a change to whole building Emissions, Energy or water use, or Emissions or Energy Intensity of two (2) percent or more over the period of one (1) calendar year, the Owner shall, within thirty (30) Days of the change or of receiving the new information, submit the additional or corrected data to the Commission in accordance with guidance documents issued by the Environment Department, and notify the Commission accordingly. Owners may submit other updates at any time. The Commission will include such updates in its annual disclosure of data as long as the updates are submitted by the Owner prior to September 30 of the relevant year.

i. **Obligation to Request and Report Information from Building Tenants.**

(i) **Delegating Reporting Duties to a Single Tenant.** If an Owner has leased a Building to a single Tenant and that Tenant has assumed management, maintenance, regulatory compliance and/or capital improvement costs of the entire building, the Owner may, with the consent of the Tenant, delegate all responsibility regarding reporting under Section 7-2.2 to that Tenant. The Owner shall report such delegation in accordance with guidance documents issued by the Environment Department.

- (ii) **Tenant Non-Response.** Owners shall report in writing to the Commission if any non-residential Tenant fails to respond to data requests from the Owner within the time period specified in Section 7-2.2(o), accompanied by documentation of the Owner's request. Owners seeking data from Tenants shall document reasonable steps to collect such data, including making the written request using the most up-to-date contact information for the Tenant at least twice.

- j. **Requesting Alternative Reporting Dates.** Owners seeking an alternative reporting date pursuant to Section 7-2.2(e)(ii) must (i) submit such request in accordance with any procedures created by the Review Board; and (ii) explain the extenuating circumstances that make the Owner unable to complete reporting and/or third-party data verification by May 15 of the applicable year.

Subject to any procedures created by the Review Board, the Environment Department may approve a timely requested extension upon a determination of extenuating circumstances.

For any given year, the Review Board shall have the discretion to set the alternative reporting date for Owners experiencing extenuating circumstances, provided that such date shall be no later than November 15 of said year.

V. ***Ownership Changes and Designations***

a. **Change of Ownership.**

- (i) When a Building changes ownership, the previous Owner shall provide to the new Owner any required data that has been collected and is necessary for completing the next required report under Section 7-2.2.
- (ii) If a Building changes ownership, any outstanding compliance obligations and liabilities shall become the responsibility of the new Owner.
- (iii) New Owners shall provide notice of change of ownership to the Environment Department within thirty (30) of the change. Notice shall include (a) a copy of the instrument evidencing the transfer of the rights and obligations to the successor-Owner and assumption by the successor-Owner of said rights and obligations and (b) the name, address and contact information of the new Owner and any designated agent.
- (iv) Previous and new Owners may request the Environment Department to provide a notice of compliance status for a Building.

b. **Designation of Tenant as Owner.**

- (i) A Building Owner seeking to designate the lessee of a Building as “Owner” for purposes of compliance shall submit to the Commission or its designee a letter of agreed designation as “Owner”, including a commencement date and term length, signed by both the Building Owner and the lessee, following any guidance set forth by the Environment Department.
- (ii) Once a notice of designation is submitted, the lessee shall be responsible for compliance with the Ordinance.
- (iii) If the lease is terminated or the Owner and lessee otherwise agree to terminate the designation of Tenant as “Owner”, the responsibility for Compliance and any outstanding compliance obligations will revert back to the Building Owner. The Owner and lessee are jointly and separately responsible for notifying the Environment Department within fourteen (14) Days of any change in the designation of a Tenant as Owner.

VI. **Buildings with Special Conditions**

a. **Buildings with Shared Energy or Water Systems.** If there are multiple buildings that share Energy or water systems, the Owner(s) shall report data required by Section 7-2.2 as follows:

- (i) For buildings that have one or more Energy or water use(s) that are separately metered or sub-metered, said Energy or water use data must be reported at the building level within ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department, regardless of whether the buildings have other shared Energy or water uses(s).
- (ii) For buildings that have one or more Energy or water use(s) that are not separately metered or sub-metered, said shared Energy or water use(s) must be reported as a campus as defined in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department.
 - (a) Campuses that share one or more Energy use(s) must comply with Emissions standards at the campus level or as a Building Portfolio according to guidance adopted by the Environment Department.
- (iii) The Review Board may approve an alternative apportionment process proposed by the Owner.

b. **Newly Constructed Buildings.** The first reporting requirement for newly-constructed Buildings shall be the first full calendar year following the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Building or Certificate of Occupancy for the Building, whichever is earlier.

c. **Extenuating Circumstances.** Owners with extenuating circumstances may file a request with the Environment Department to report information required by Section 7-2.2 on a basis other than the building level. Such requests shall be made in accordance with any guidance issued by the Environment Department and the Environment Department must issue decisions in writing. The Environment Department shall provide summaries of such requests to the Commission in the first quarter of each calendar year or upon request from the Commission. Such extenuating circumstances may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- (i) Parcels with multiple Buildings that (a) have three (3) or fewer residential Tenants, (b) have no Energy metering at the building level, or (c) have no building level Gross Floor Area data.
- (ii) Buildings that (a) share building walls, (b) are located on the same parcel or adjacent parcels and (c) have a common Owner.

d. **Disputing Assessing Department Records.** In the event that an Owner disputes the Boston Assessing Department's records of Gross Floor Area or unit count and believes the property does not meet the Ordinance's definition of a Residential Building or Non-Residential Building, the Owner may make a written request for the Boston Assessing Department to reassess the property and shall provide a copy of the request to the Environment Department.

- (i) An Owner that provides a copy of a reassessment request to the Environment Department shall not be subject to penalties for failure to comply with the Ordinance until the next update of the Property Assessment has been published.
- (ii) If after reassessment, the Property Assessment indicates that the property meets the Ordinance's definition of a Residential Building or Non-Residential Building, the Owner shall be responsible for all outstanding reporting requirements and compliance with Emissions standards since the request for reassessment was filed with the Assessing Department. In such cases, if an Owner fails to comply with the Ordinance within four months of publication of the updated Property Assessment, penalties defined in the Ordinance may be issued.

e. **Vacant Buildings.**

- (i) The Environment Department may determine a Building is vacant and therefore not subject to third-party verification or compliance with an Emissions standard.

- (ii) A vacant building shall be demonstrated by one or more of the following: (1) an active demolition permit issued by the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department and proof of filing an Article 85 Demolition Delay application with the Boston Landmarks Commission, (2) insurance policies, (3) no active water or gas utilities, (4) transfer of all utilities to a construction company with an active construction permit, or (5) if Energy use is less than five (5) percent of previously reported annual data. Owners shall submit requests to determine a Building as vacant in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department. The Environment Department may ask for additional documentation and will issue a determination in writing to the Owner. An Owner may appeal the Environment Department's decision to the Review Board in writing.
- (iii) To maintain the status of a vacant Building, Owners must submit documentation in writing to the Environment Department annually.
- (iv) Buildings that are determined by the Environment Department to be fully vacant for the entire compliance year are not subject to the Emissions standard for that compliance year. Owners must still follow applicable reporting requirements. When a Building is no longer determined to be vacant by the Environment Department or when it receives a Certificate of Occupancy, compliance obligations with the Emissions standards shall resume.

f. **Buildings that Serve as Standalone Power Plants or Central Power Generation Facilities.**

- (i) Energy generated by a Building that serves as a standalone power plant or central power generation facility and that is not used on-site shall not be reported within said Building in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department.
 - (a) If available, Owners must report any separately metered on-site Energy used for lighting, office purposes, or other needs within the Building.
- (ii) Energy generated by a Building that serves as a standalone power plant or central power generation facility must be reported as meter(s) within each Building or campus that is connected to said power plant or facility. Such meter(s) must represent either the fuel input(s) or the Energy product(s) corresponding to the consumption of each Building or Campus in accordance with Section VI.a, Section VIII.iv, and any guidance issued by the Environment Department.

- (iii) The on-site Energy usage and Gross Floor Area of Buildings that serve as standalone power plants or standalone central power generation facilities shall not be added to any campus or Building Portfolio in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department.

VII. **Third-Party Data Verification**

Third party verification of a Building Owner's reporting data shall be performed by a qualified energy professional who is not on the staff of a Building's Owner or Building's management company. Pursuant to Section 7-2.2(h), third-party verification is required for all reporting data for the specified time period, including, but not limited to, data necessary to show compliance with and qualification for Emissions Standards, Individual Compliance Schedules, and Hardship Compliance Plans, if applicable.

- a. **Qualified energy professionals** include individuals who hold an active qualification of at least one of the credentials listed in Policies and Procedures. The Review Board may approve additional credentials for designation as qualified energy professionals.
- b. **Corrections to Reported Data.** In the event of errors found in previously reported data or discrepancies between previously reported data and third-party verified data, Owners shall submit an updated report as outlined in guidance documents provided by the Environment Department.
- c. **Verification Years.**
 - (i) For any Building's first year of reporting, Owners shall provide a third-party verification of their reported data for the previous calendar year data.
 - (ii) For all Buildings with Emissions standard requirements starting in 2025, Owners shall provide a third-party verification of their 2025 calendar year data in 2026. For every Verification Year thereafter, Owners shall provide a third-party verification for the five calendar years prior to such Verification Year.
 - (iii) For all Buildings with Emissions standard requirements starting in 2030, Owners are not required to provide third-party verification in 2026. Owners shall provide a third-party verification of their 2030 calendar year data in 2031. For every Verification Year thereafter, Owners shall provide a third-party verification for the five calendar years prior to such Verification Year.

This provision supersedes Section 7-2.2(h)b.

VIII. **Emissions Factors**

a. No later than April 15 of each year, the Environment Department shall adopt guidance, updated as needed, establishing Emissions Factors in accordance with the following requirements. Building Owners shall use these Emissions Factors for calculating compliance with the Emissions standards.

- (i) Emissions Factors for natural gas, propane, fuel oil, diesel oil, and kerosene, and any other fuels not otherwise specified in the Regulations or Policies and Procedures, shall be the most recent Emissions Factors reported by ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or an alternative source approved by the Review Board.
- (ii) Annual Emissions Factors for the electric grid shall be based on real data published by ISO New England, NEPOOL, any other relevant governmental sources for the compliance year, and any other factors determined relevant by the Environment Department.
 - (a) In the event that the Environment Department's annual electric grid Emissions Factor is higher than the Environment Department's projected electric grid Emissions Factor, the projected electric grid Emissions Factor shall be used for calculating compliance.
 - (b) In the event that the Environment Department fails to adopt an annual electric grid Emissions Factor by April 15, the lower of (i) the previous year's Emissions Factor or (ii) the Environment Department's projected Emissions Factor, shall be used for compliance.
- (iii) Emissions Factors for District Energy Systems shall be calculated for each end product using an efficiency methodology, as defined in Policies and Procedures.
 - (a) District Energy System operators shall provide annual Emissions Factors for their systems to the Environment Department by April 1st of each year and shall have the respective data, calculations, and Emissions Factors verified by a third party following any requirements included in Policies and Procedures.
 - (b) If a District Energy System operator fails to provide third-party verified annual Emissions Factors for its systems by April 1st, the most recent verified Emissions Factor from the District Energy System shall be used for compliance, provided, however, that if there is no verified Emissions Factor for the District Energy System, then the current Emissions Factors reported by ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or an alternative

source approved by the Review Board for the corresponding products shall be used.

- (iv) Owners of Campus District Energy Systems may either (a) follow the Emissions Factors requirements for District Energy Systems as outlined in Section VIII.a.iii or (b) apply the appropriate Emissions Factors to their central plant's fuel inputs and apportion the Emissions across their connected buildings following Section VI.a of the Regulations.
- (v) Emissions Factors for thermal Energy generated from non-emitting renewable sources shall have an Emissions Factor of zero (0) kgCO₂e/MMBTU, provided that:
 - (a) Any renewable Energy or Renewable Energy Certificates are purchased in accordance with the requirements in Section X, and
 - (b) Any required third-party verification is provided.

b. The Review Board may adopt, via Policies and Procedures, Emissions Factors to be applied to fuels not referenced in the Regulations.

- (i) Any Owner or entity that generates or delivers Energy with fuels or Energy sources without Emissions Factors covered by Regulations or Policies and Procedures may petition the Review Board to approve custom Emissions Factors to be applied to Buildings. Such custom Emissions Factors may include, but are not limited to, biogenic fuels, hydrogen, and fuel cells.
- (ii) The Environment Department shall develop guidance for reviewing petitions for custom Emissions Factors.

c. Subject to approval by the Environment Department, and in accordance with conditions set forth in the Policies and Procedures, Owners with hourly-metered or more frequently metered Energy data may opt to use time-of-use Emissions Factors. Owners must provide third-party verification of annual time-of-use data, methodology, and Emissions Factors; such data shall be subject to audit. If a time-of-use Emissions Factors is not approved, the Emissions Factors adopted by the Environment Department shall be used.

IX. **Emissions Standards**

a. **Emissions Standards.**

- (i) When calculating square footage to determine compliance with Section 7-2.2(i), third-party verified Gross Floor Area shall be used. When third-party verified Gross Floor Area is not available, square footage as it appears in the records of the Boston Assessing Department shall be used.
- (ii) In any year that Owners update an Emissions standard for a Building due to a change of the largest primary Building Use, the annual report required by Section 7-2.2(e) shall include third-party verification of the new primary Building Use, regardless of whether it is a Verification Year.

b. **Blended Emissions Standards.**

- (i) Owners may opt-in or opt-out of a blended CO₂e Emissions standard in 2026, for the 2025 compliance year, and during each subsequent Verification Year; provided that, a new Owner may opt-in or opt-out of a blended CO₂e Emissions standard upon change of ownership, regardless of whether it is a Verification Year.
- (ii) Blended Emissions standards shall be calculated following the methodology specified in Policies and Procedures.
- (iii) Owners seeking to use a blended CO₂e Emissions standard for their Building(s) or Building Portfolio(s) shall submit the proposed blended CO₂e Emissions standard and documentation verifying the qualification of each primary Building Use in annual reports required by Section 7-2.2(e).
- (iv) If a blended Emissions standard for a Building or Building Portfolio is updated due to a change of primary Building Use(s) before a Verification Year, Owners must submit the updated blended CO₂e Emissions standard and new documentation verifying the qualification of each updated primary Building Use in annual reports required by Section 7-2.2(e), provided that such reports shall include third-party verification regardless of whether it is a Verification Year.

X. **Additional Compliance Mechanisms**

a. **Boston Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program.**

- (i) Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) procured on behalf of customers by BCCE or any equivalent municipal electricity aggregation program are eligible as a method of compliance per Section 7-2.2(m)(a). For Energy purchased from BCCE or any

equivalent municipal electricity aggregation program that is not matched with one hundred (100) percent RECs that meet the RPS Class I eligibility criteria outlined in 225 CMR 14.05, the appropriate Emissions Factor adopted pursuant to Section VIII of these Regulations shall apply to the portion of the Energy not matched with said RECs.

b. Renewable Energy Certificates.

- (i) Owners that utilize unbundled or bundled RECs, including local Power Purchase Agreements that generate RPS Class I RECs pursuant to 225 CMR 14.05, as a method of compliance shall provide documentation demonstrating that the RECs comply with the conditions in Section 7-2.2(m)(b), provided that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Ordinance:
 - (a) RECs may be generated in the twelve (12) months before the compliance year, in the compliance year, or in the six (6) months following the compliance year in which they are used, and
 - (b) Owners must demonstrate that RECs are retired no later than twelve (12) months after the end of the compliance year in which they are used.
 - (i) Pursuant to section IV.h., Owners who acquire RECs after May 15 or the alternative reporting deadline for the applicable year shall submit proof of REC purchase within thirty (30) Days of said purchase.
 - (ii) Pursuant to section IV.h., Owners who do not have proof of REC retirement by May 15 or the applicable alternative reporting deadline shall submit proof of REC retirement by the earlier of (a) thirty (30) Days from retirement and (b) December 31 of the year the REC was retired.
 - (c) The Review Board may extend the REC generation and retirement deadlines for a given year based upon changes to the annual reporting deadline pursuant to Section IV.j., changes to the availability of RPS Class I RECs, unforeseen circumstances related to the RPS Class I REC market, or other extenuating circumstances.

This provision supersedes Sections 7-2.2(m)(b)(iii) and (iv).

c. **Power Purchase Agreements.**

- (i) Owners that procure electricity and bundled RECs through Power Purchase Agreements, including virtual Power Purchase Agreements, for compliance with the Ordinance shall provide documentation demonstrating compliance with the requirements in Section 7-2.2(m)(c) and the following additional requirements:
 - (a) Power Purchase Agreements are for electricity generated by non-emitting renewable sources that meet the RPS Class I eligibility criteria outlined in 225 CMR 14.05, as those criteria may be amended from time to time, provided, however, that any requirements for metering and location in 225 CMR 14.05 are not applicable.
 - (b) Power Purchase Agreements are with electricity generators connected to an electric grid in the jurisdiction of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
 - (c) The Power Purchase Agreement is for electricity from a project that begins commercial operation after a Power Purchase Agreement is executed by or on behalf of the Owner of a covered Building, provided, however, that this timing requirement will not apply to Owners that join an existing eligible Power Purchase Agreement that was executed by a different Owner in accordance with this provision.
 - 1. Owners may request, based on extenuating circumstances, the Review Board to approve a Power Purchase Agreement that does not meet this requirement.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Ordinance:
 - (a) RECs associated with the electricity purchased pursuant to a Power Purchase Agreement may be used for compliance if they are generated twelve (12) months before the compliance year or within the compliance year in which they are being used; and
 - (b) The RECs associated with the Energy purchased under a Power Purchase Agreement are retired no later than (6) months after the end of the compliance year in which they are being used.

This provision supersedes Sections 7-2.2(m)(c)(i) and (ii).

- (iii) Power Purchase Agreements that satisfy the criteria in the Ordinance and Regulations as exist at the time of execution may be used for compliance with the Ordinance for the length of the contract term,

including extensions to the original term, and for any quantity or price of Energy purchased from the original generating source(s) identified in the Power Purchase Agreement.

d. **Local Renewable Generation.**

(i) Electricity and associated generation credits, such as net-metering credits, directly attributable to electricity generated by non-emitting electricity generating systems are eligible as a compliance mechanism regardless of (i) who owns the electric generating system and (ii) whether or not the corresponding RECs are retired by or on behalf of the Owner, provided that one of the following conditions is met:

(a) (i) the system is a solar generating system, (ii) it is located in Eversource's Eastern Massachusetts territory, (iii) the system began operation prior to 2024, and (iv) the Owner or Tenant(s) of a covered Building first began to acquire electricity or generation credits from the solar generation system prior to 2024.

(b) (i) the Owner or Tenant(s) of a covered Building acquires electricity or generation credits from a non-emitting renewable electricity generating system and (ii) the generating system is located in the City of Boston.

Based on extenuating circumstances, Owners may request the Review Board to approve the use of electricity or associated generation credits without corresponding REC retirement from solar generating systems located in Eversource's Eastern Massachusetts territory that do not meet the requirements in Section X.d.i.a. The Review Board reserves the right to approve or reject such requests in its sole discretion.

(ii) Electricity or generation credits acquired from non-emitting electricity generating systems shall be reported following any requirements in guidance documents issued by the Environment Department.

XI. **Building Portfolios**

a. **Eligibility for Building Portfolios.** To confirm eligibility for a Building Portfolio, Owners must attest to the following and provide supporting documentation upon request:

(i) All Buildings in the proposed Building Portfolio have the same Owner as listed in the records of the Boston Assessing Department or at least one of the following is true:

- (a) The same Sponsor of two or more Deed-Restricted Residential Buildings may be considered the Owner of record for purposes of creating a Building Portfolio, provided, however, that a Building may not be in more than one Building Portfolio.
 - (b) The same majority owner or beneficial owner (provided that the beneficial owner is the entity legally responsible for BERDO compliance) of two or more special purpose entities or charitable organizations may be considered the Owner of record for purposes of creating a Building Portfolio; provided, however, that a Building may not be in more than one Building Portfolio.
 - (c) An entity that, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, exercises control over, or acts as managing member or managing partner (provided that the entity, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, (i) has ownership interest, (ii) is the entity legally responsible for BERDO compliance, and (iii) in the case of a limited partnership, is a general partner) of two or more special purpose entities or charitable corporations may be considered the Owner of record for purposes of creating a Building Portfolio; provided, however, that a Building may not be in more than one Building Portfolio.
 - (d) Charitable organizations under common ownership and control of an entity that is legally responsible for BERDO compliance may be considered the Owner of record for purposes of creating a Building Portfolio; provided, however, that a Building may not be in more than one Building Portfolio.
- (ii) For Building Portfolios based on Institutional Master Plans, all Buildings in the Building Portfolio are part of one approved Institutional Master Plan. Buildings from different Institutional Master Plans may not be combined into a single Building Portfolio unless all Buildings share the same Owner, as defined in Section XI.a.i.
 - (iii) The Building Uses, Energy Use, Gross Floor Area, and Emissions data of all Buildings in the proposed Building Portfolio were third-party verified during the last applicable Verification Year.
 - (iv) All Buildings in the proposed Building Portfolio are in compliance with the Ordinance and Regulations, including, as applicable, requirements for Individual Compliance Schedules or Hardship Compliance Plans, and (i) the payment of any applicable fines for any failure to comply with reporting requirements, accurately report information, or comply with an Emissions standard, (ii) where feasible, the submission of any missing required reporting data, and (iii) the submission of

compliance mechanisms in the amount required to correct any failure to meet an Emissions standard in any calendar year.

- (v) None of the Buildings in the proposed Building Portfolio are vacant, as defined in Section VI.e.ii.;

b. **Requirements for Building Portfolios.** Owners must maintain compliance with (i) any conditions attached to the approval of a Building Portfolio and (ii) the following requirements; failure to do so may result in revocation of the Building Portfolio.

- (i) Any Building Portfolio that contains Buildings with different Building Uses shall comply with a blended Emissions standard, provided, however, that a blended Emissions standard is not required for Building Portfolios that are subject to an Individual Compliance Schedule. Blended Emission standards shall be calculated in accordance with Section IX.b.
- (ii) For any Building Portfolio that combines Buildings with Emissions standard requirements starting in 2025 and 2030, the Owner shall meet the applicable 2025-2029 Emissions standards in Section 7-2.2 Table 1 for the whole Building Portfolio until 2030; and
- (iii) Any Building in the proposed Building Portfolio, including newly constructed Buildings, that is required to meet a more stringent or net-zero Emissions standard prior to 2050 set through zoning requirements must meet its Building-specific Emissions standard every year.
- (iv) For any Building Portfolio that includes (a) on-site Campus District Energy Systems or on-site Combined Heat and Power plants that use non-renewable or CO₂e emitting fuels, industrial or manufacturing Buildings, or energy/power station Buildings located in Environmental Justice Populations, (b) a combination of Residential Buildings located in both Environmental Justice Populations and non Environmental Justice Populations, or (c) a combination of Deed-Restricted Residential Buildings and other Residential Buildings, Owners must:
 - (a) Submit an Emissions standard compliance plan within two (2) years of the Review Board's initial approval of the Building Portfolio. Such plan must comply with any requirements in Policies and Procedures and any guidance or standard form adopted by the Environment Department.
 - (b) Submit annual progress reports that identify any progress made on the Emissions standard compliance plan. Such reports must comply with any requirements in Policies and Procedures

and any guidance or standard form adopted by the Environment Department.

- (c) Submit an updated Emissions standard compliance plan every Verification Year.
- (v) If a Building Portfolio includes a vacant Building, as defined in Section VI.e.ii, or an existing Building in a Building Portfolio becomes vacant, the vacant building shall not be included in determining the Emissions standard for said Building Portfolio or used to achieve compliance with the Building Portfolio's Emissions standard. When a Building is no longer determined to be vacant by the Environment Department or when it receives a Certificate of Occupancy, it shall be included in the Emissions standard compliance obligations of the Building Portfolio.

c. **Application Process for Building Portfolios.** Applications for Building Portfolios may be submitted on a rolling basis. Applications must be submitted by September 1 for Building Portfolios to be used that same year; provided that, the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such applications for a given year in its sole discretion. Applications shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form issued by the Environment Department. A pending application for a new or modified Building Portfolio, or an appeal of a Review Board decision regarding a Building Portfolio, shall not stay an Owner's compliance obligations under the Ordinance or Regulations. Owners shall utilize one of the following application pathways.

- (o) **Pathway Zero.** For Buildings that are subject to BERDO because a parcel with a single Owner contains multiple buildings that cumulatively meet the coverage thresholds in the Ordinance's definition of Residential Building (ii) or Non-Residential Building (ii).
 - (a) Owners may elect to create a Pathway Zero Building Portfolio by submitting the following information:
 1. Confirmation of compliance with the eligibility criteria listed in Section XI.a.
 2. A list of all Buildings on the parcel that will be in the Building Portfolio.
 - (b) Pathway Zero Building Portfolios do not need to prepare or submit Emissions standard compliance plans.
 - (c) Within fourteen (14) Days of receiving an application to create or modify a Building Portfolio, the Environment Department shall inform the Owner whether the application is complete.

- (d) At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Review Board after the Environment Department's finding of completeness, the Review Board shall approve the application.
 - (e) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to the Owner within seven (7) Days.
- (i) **Pathway One.** For proposed Building Portfolios that do not include (a) on-site Campus District Energy Systems or on-site Combined Heat and Power plants that use non-renewable or CO₂e emitting fuels, industrial or manufacturing Buildings, or energy/power station Buildings located in Environmental Justice Populations, (b) a combination of Residential Buildings located in both Environmental Justice Populations and non Environmental Justice Populations, or (c) a combination of Deed-Restricted Residential Buildings and other Residential Buildings.
- (a) Applications must include:
 1. Confirmation of compliance with the eligibility criteria listed in Section XI.a.
 2. A list of all Buildings included in the Building Portfolio.
 - (b) The Environment Department shall review each application for completeness and recommend approval or denial to the Review Board.
 - (c) Within fourteen (14) Days of receiving an application to create or modify a Building Portfolio, the Environment Department shall inform the Owner whether the application is complete.
 - (d) Within forty-five (45) Days of the Environment Department's finding of completeness, or at such later date as requested in writing by the Owner and approved in writing by the Environment Department, the Review Board shall vote to approve with standard conditions or deny an application. A decision shall be based on whether the applicant meets the eligibility criteria set forth in Section XI.a.
 - (e) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to the Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
 - (f) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, the Owner may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

(ii) **Pathway Two.** For proposed Building Portfolios that include (a) on-site Campus District Energy Systems or on-site Combined Heat and Power plants that use non-renewable or CO₂e emitting fuels, industrial or manufacturing Buildings, or energy/power station Buildings located in Environmental Justice Populations, (b) a combination of Residential Buildings located in both Environmental Justice Populations and non Environmental Justice Populations, or (c) a combination of Deed-Restricted Residential Buildings and other Residential Buildings.

(a) Applications must include:

1. Confirmation of compliance with the eligibility criteria listed in Section XI.a.
2. A list of all Buildings included in the Building Portfolio.
3. A map that identifies (i) each Building included in the Building Portfolio and (ii) any Environmental Justice Population criteria at the location of each Building based on data from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Owners shall highlight (i) any on-site Campus District Energy Systems that use non-renewable or CO₂e emitting fuels, industrial or manufacturing Buildings, energy/power station Buildings located in Environmental justice Populations, (ii) any Deed-Restricted Residential Buildings, and (iii) Residential Buildings in Environmental Justice Populations. Owners shall provide maps that overlay asthma rates, the Air Toxics Respiratory Hazard Index, and heat resilience metrics; data sources for these maps will be provided in Policies and Procedures.
4. A brief narrative description of any existing plans to achieve compliance across the proposed Building Portfolio. This may include, but need not be limited to, (i) any anticipated building audits, retrofits, capital improvements, or any other Emissions reduction efforts that may be implemented in the Building Portfolio in the near term, (ii) any anticipated strategies for developing the Emissions standard compliance plan, and (iii) if applicable, any expected efforts to inform and engage tenants in the development of the Emissions standard compliance plan.

(b) The Environment Department shall review each application for completeness, evaluate the Owner's narrative to assess potential impacts on and benefits to Environmental Justice

Populations, and recommend approval or denial to the Review Board.

- (c) Within thirty (30) Days of receiving an application, the Environment Department shall inform the Owner whether the application is complete.
 - (d) The Review Board may hold a hearing to evaluate the application and request more information on how the Owner will address any impacts on or provide benefits to Environmental Justice Populations. Regardless of whether the Review Board holds a hearing, there shall be an opportunity for the public to submit comments on an application prior to the Review Board's vote.
 - (e) Within sixty (60) Days of the Environment Department's finding of completeness, or at such later date as requested in writing by the Owner and approved in writing by the Environment Department, the Review Board shall vote to approve with standard conditions, approve with special conditions, or deny an application. A decision shall be based on whether the Owner meets the eligibility criteria set forth in Section XI.a and on consideration of potential impacts on and benefits to Environmental Justice Populations based on information from the application and, if applicable, any public hearing.
 - (f) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to the Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
 - (g) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, the Owner may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.
- (iii) **Pathway Three.** For proposed Building Portfolios that (a) do not meet the eligibility criteria in Section XI.a, (b) are unable to calculate blended Emissions standards as required in Section XI.b.i, or (c) are concurrently applying for or already have an Individual Compliance Schedule.
- (a) Applications must include:
 1. A list of all Buildings included in the Building Portfolio.
 2. If applicable, an explanation of why the Owner is unable to meet the eligibility criteria in Section XI.a. or is unable to calculate a blended Emissions standard.

3. For Building Portfolios that are required to complete an Emissions standard compliance plan, the map and narrative required by Section XI.c.ii.
 4. If applying for an Individual Compliance Schedule, any data and documentation required by Section XII.
- (b) The Environment Department shall review each application for completeness, evaluate the Owner's narrative to assess potential impacts on and benefits to Environmental Justice Populations, and recommend approval or denial to the Review Board.
 - (c) Within thirty (30) Days of receipt of an application, the Environment Department shall inform the Owner whether the application is complete.
 - (d) The Review Board shall hold a hearing to evaluate the application. If applicable, the Review Board may request more information on how the Owner will address any impacts on or provide benefits to Environmental Justice Populations. There shall be an opportunity for the public to submit comments on an application prior to the Review Board's vote.
 - (e) Within ninety (90) Days of the Environment Department's finding of completeness, or at such later date as requested in writing by the Owner and approved in writing by the Environment Department, the Review Board shall vote to approve with standard conditions, approve with special conditions, or deny an application. A decision shall be based on whether, if applicable, (i) the Owner provided a reasonable basis for not meeting one or more of the eligibility criteria set forth in Section XI.a, (ii) the Owner provided a reasonable basis for not using a blended Emissions standard, (iii) the Owner meets the eligibility criteria for Individual Compliance Schedules, and (iv) consideration of the potential impacts on and benefits to Environmental Justice Populations based on information from the application and any public hearing.
 - (f) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to the Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
 - (g) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, the Owner may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

d. **Conditions of Approval for Building Portfolios.**

- (i) The Review Board shall include the following standard conditions on the approval of any Building Portfolio:
 - (a) Timely compliance with reporting and third-party verification requirements in the Ordinance.
 - (b) Timely compliance with the requirements in Section XI.b, including, when applicable, the submission of a satisfactory Emissions standard compliance plan.
 - (c) The Review Board or its designee may inspect any Building that is part of an approved Building Portfolio, at reasonable times and with reasonable notice, in order to assess compliance with the terms and conditions of said Building Portfolio.
- (i) For Building Portfolios that are required to complete an Emissions standard compliance plan, the Review Board may include special conditions relevant to the distribution of benefits to Environmental Justice Populations. Such conditions may be added to the approval of a Building Portfolio at the time of initial approval or following an Owner's submission of their first Emissions standard compliance plan. Any proposal to add special conditions shall be discussed at a public meeting of the Review Board and Owners shall be provided notice of such meeting at least thirty (30) Days in advance, provided, however, that any Review Board vote to add special conditions must be made within ninety (90) Days of receipt of an initial or updated Emissions standard compliance plan, or at a later date upon request of the Owner. The Review Board may hold a public hearing at its discretion. If the Review Board approves addition of special conditions following submission of an initial or update Emissions standard compliance plan:
 - (a) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be issued to the Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
 - (b) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, the Owner may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

e. **Modifications of Approved Building Portfolios.** Notices and requests to modify an approved Building Portfolio must be submitted by September 1 for the modification to be used in the same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such notices and requests for a given year in its sole discretion. For Building Portfolios using a blended Emissions standard, the Owner

must update the blended Emissions standard to reflect any modification to the Building Portfolio according to the requirements in Section IX.b.

- (i) Notice to the Review Board is required to remove a Building from an approved Building Portfolio due to (a) change of Owner of an existing Building or (b) vacancy of an existing Building.
 - (a) If Building(s) are removed from an approved Building Portfolio for these reasons after September 1 or the applicable deadline of a given year, Owners must calculate and comply with an adjusted blended Emissions standard for the Building Portfolio.
- (ii) Approval from the Review Board is required to remove any Building from an approved Building Portfolio for any reason other than in (e)(i) or to add any Building. Any Building added to an approved Building Portfolio must meet the eligibility criteria and requirements for Building Portfolios in Section XI.
- (iii) For Building Portfolios that are required to complete an Emissions standard compliance plan, Owners must submit a short update to reflect any modification to the Building Portfolio as part of the next required annual progress report in accordance with Policies and Procedures and any guidance adopted by the Environment Department. Any modifications to the Building Portfolio must also be reflected in any subsequent progress reports and updates to the Emissions standard compliance plan.
 - (a) If adding a Building to a Building Portfolio would trigger the need to complete an Emissions standard compliance plan, when one was not required before, Owners shall submit an initial Emissions standard compliance plan within two (2) years of the Review Board's approval of the modification.
- (iv) The Review Board shall vote to approve or deny a requested modification at the next regularly scheduled public meeting or at such later date as requested in writing by the Owner and approved in writing by the Environment Department. The Review Board's decision shall be based on whether the Building Portfolio is, at the time of the request, in material compliance with the Ordinance and any requirements in Section XI, including any standard or special conditions set by the Review Board.
 - (a) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to the Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
 - (b) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, the Owner may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any

guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

f. **Transfer of Building Portfolios.** Approved Building Portfolios are transferable upon change of ownership. The original and new Owners are jointly and separately responsible for notifying the Environment Department within thirty (30) Days of the change of ownership.

g. **Termination of Building Portfolios.**

- (i) An Owner may terminate an approved Building Portfolio with notice to the Review Board by September 1 for the termination to be effective in the same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such notices for a given year in its sole discretion.
- (ii) The Review Board (i) may initiate a proceeding to terminate a Building Portfolio at its own initiative or (ii) shall initiate a proceeding to evaluate a petition from the greater of twenty (20) percent of Tenants or five (5) Tenants of a Building included in a Building Portfolio to terminate the Building Portfolio. The Review Board may revoke an approved Building Portfolio if the Review Board determines that (a) an Owner does not materially comply with the requirements in Section XI or the conditions of a Building Portfolio, or (b) absent extenuating circumstances beyond an Owner's control, an Owner has not prioritized distribution of benefits to Environmental Justice Populations as proposed in the Building Portfolio's Emissions standard compliance plan.
 - (a) In the event of a proceeding initiated by a petition from Tenants, the Review Board may, at its discretion, amend the special conditions of an approved Building Portfolio rather than terminate the Building Portfolio.
- (iii) Any proposed revocation or amendment shall be discussed at a public hearing of the Review Board. Owners shall be provided notice of such hearing at least thirty (30) Days in advance.
- (iv) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to an Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
- (v) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, Owners may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

XII. **Individual Compliance Schedules**

a. **Eligibility for Individual Compliance Schedules.** To confirm eligibility for an Individual Compliance Schedule, an Owner of a Building or approved Building Portfolio must attest to the following and provide supporting documentation upon request:

- (i) For all Buildings, the annual Energy use, Gross Floor Area, Building Use(s), and Emissions Factors data for the year selected as the baseline have been third-party verified.
 - (a) Energy use data shall be based on utility data, utility bills, or other factors outlined in Policies and Procedures.
 - (b) Emissions Factors shall be based on factors outlined in Policies and Procedures.
- (ii) For an individual building or for each building in a Building Portfolio, the total Gross Floor Area has not been reduced from the baseline year by more than ten (10) percent and the largest primary Building Use remains the same.
- (iii) All Buildings are currently in compliance with the Ordinance and Regulations, including, as applicable, requirements for Building Portfolios and the payment of (i) fines for any failure to comply with reporting requirements, accurately report information, or comply with an Emissions standard and (ii) the submission of relevant compliance mechanisms in the amount required to correct any failure to meet an Emissions standard in any calendar year.

b. **Applications for Individual Compliance Schedules for Individual Buildings.** Applications for Individual Compliance Schedules may be submitted on a rolling basis. Applications must be submitted by September 1 to use the Individual Compliance Schedule in the same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such applications for a given year in its sole discretion. Applications shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form issued by the Environment Department. A pending application for a new or modified Individual Compliance Schedule, or an appeal of a Review Board decision regarding an Individual Compliance Schedule, shall not stay an Owner's compliance obligations under the Ordinance or Regulations. An application for an Individual Compliance Schedule for a Building shall include the following information and any other material required by standards issued by the Review Board:

- (i) The baseline year for Emissions.
- (ii) An alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule that meets the requirements set in the Ordinance.

- (iii) A brief narrative description of (a) any significant Emissions reduction efforts completed in the Building from the baseline year to date and (b) any cumulative increase of Gross Floor Area of ten (10) percent or more from the baseline year to date that did not significantly increase Energy use or Emissions.
- (iv) A brief narrative description of expected methods to meet the alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule. This may include, but need not be limited to, any anticipated building audits, retrofits, capital improvements, or any other Emissions reduction efforts that may be implemented in the Building in the near term.
- (v) If relevant, an explanation for any inability to meet the eligibility criteria in Section XII.a.

c. Applications for Individual Compliance Schedules for Building Portfolios.

Applications to approve an Individual Compliance Schedule for Building Portfolios may be submitted on a rolling basis. Applications must be submitted by September 1 to use the Individual Compliance Schedule in the same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such applications for a given year in its sole discretion. Owners applying for a Building Portfolio and an Individual Compliance Schedule concurrently must follow the application requirements in Section XI. Applications shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form issued by the Environment Department. A pending application for a new or modified Individual Compliance Schedule, or an appeal of a Review Board decision regarding an Individual Compliance Schedule shall not stay an Owner's compliance obligations under the Ordinance or Regulations. Applications pursuant to this section shall include the following information and any other material required by standards issued by the Review Board:

- (i) The baseline year for Emissions. Buildings in a Building Portfolio may have different baseline years, provided, however, that there will be one declining Emissions standard for the whole Building Portfolio.
- (ii) An alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule for the Building Portfolio that meets the requirements set in the Ordinance. For Building Portfolios with multiple baseline years, the alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule proposed in an application for, or modification to, an Individual Compliance Schedule must be verified by a third party. Third party verification of the alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule is not required for Building Portfolios with a single baseline year. In the event an Owner had an approved Building Portfolio before applying for an Individual Compliance Schedule, the alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule shall supersede the Building Portfolio's blended Emissions standard. The Individual Compliance Schedule must cover all Buildings in the Building Portfolio.

- (iii) A brief narrative description of (a) any significant Emissions reduction efforts completed across the Building Portfolio from the baseline year to date, and (b) any cumulative increase of Gross Floor Area of ten (10) percent or more from the baseline year to date that did not significantly increase Energy use or Emissions.
- (iv) For Building Portfolios that are required to complete an Emissions standard compliance plan, a copy of such plan. If the Emissions standard compliance plan is not completed at the time of application, submission upon completion shall be a required condition of the Individual Compliance Schedule.
- (iv) For Building Portfolios that are not required to complete an Emissions standard compliance plan, a brief narrative description of expected measures to meet the alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule. This may include, but need not be limited to, any anticipated buildings audits, retrofits, capital improvements, or any other Emissions reduction efforts that may be implemented in the Building Portfolio in the near term.

d. Review of Applications for Individual Compliance Schedules.

- (i) The Environment Department shall review each application for completeness and technical accuracy and recommend approval or denial to the Review Board.
- (ii) The Review Board may, in its sole discretion, hold a hearing to evaluate applications for approved Building Portfolios seeking an Individual Compliance Schedule and for individual Buildings seeking an Individual Compliance Schedule. The Review Board shall consider whether an application demonstrates that (a) a Building or Building Portfolio should have an Emissions standard different than the one applicable under Section 7-2.2 Table 1, (b) there have been significant Emission reductions at the Building or Building Portfolio since the baseline year, (c) there are extenuating circumstances that support the need for an Individual Compliance Schedule, and (d) if relevant, the reason for and impact of any inability to meet the eligibility criteria in Section XII.a.
- (iii) The Review Board may vote to deny or approve applications with standard conditions regarding (a) timely compliance with reporting and third-party verification requirements in the Ordinance, and (b) timely compliance with the requirements in Section XII. The Review Board may include special conditions for Individual Compliance Schedules that do not meet the eligibility criteria in Section XII.a.

e. Application Timeline for Individual Compliance Schedules.

- (i) Within thirty (30) Days of receiving an application to create or modify an Individual Compliance Schedule, the Environment Department shall inform the Owner whether the application is complete.
- (ii) Within ninety (90) Days of the Environment Department's finding of completeness, or at such later date as requested in writing by the Owner and approved in writing by the Environment Department, the Review Board shall vote on an application.
- (iii) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to the Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
- (iv) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, the Owner may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

f. **Modifications of Approved Individual Compliance Schedules.** Review Board approval is required to make any modifications to an Individual Compliance Schedule. Requests to modify an approved Individual Compliance Schedule must be submitted by September 1 for the modifications to be effective in the same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such requests for a given year in its sole discretion. Situations for which modifications are required include:

- (i) Individual Compliance Schedules for individual Buildings if the Building's total Gross Floor Area is reduced by more than ten (10) percent or the largest primary Building Use changes.
- (ii) Individual Compliance Schedules for Building Portfolios if the Building Portfolio's total Gross Floor Area is reduced by more than ten (10) percent or the three largest primary Building Use(s) across the Building Portfolio change.
- (iii) Changes to an approved alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedule because of the addition of a Building to a Building Portfolio or Institutional Master Plan that has an Individual Compliance Schedule.

The Review Board shall approve requests for modifications that adjust approved alternative CO₂e Emissions standard reduction schedules using the standard methodology adopted in guidance provided by the Environment Department. The Review Board may hold a hearing for requests for applications that use a different methodology and may approve a proposed methodology and outcome that the Review Board determines is reasonable.

g. **Transfer of Individual Compliance Schedules.** Approved Individual Compliance Schedules for individual Buildings or whole Building Portfolios are transferable upon change of ownership. The original and new Owners are jointly and separately responsible

for notifying the Environment Department within thirty (30) Days of the change of ownership.

h. Termination of Individual Compliance Schedules. Upon termination of an Individual Compliance Schedule, the Building or Building Portfolios will be subject to the Emissions standards in Section 7-2.2 Table 1.

- (i) An Owner may terminate an approved Individual Compliance Schedule. Notice must be provided to the Review Board by September 1 for the termination to be effective for the same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such notices for a given year in its sole discretion.
- (ii) An Individual Compliance Schedule for a Building Portfolio shall be automatically terminated if the associated Building Portfolio is terminated in accordance with Section XI.
- (iii) The Review Board may initiate a proceeding to revoke an approved Individual Compliance Schedule if the Review Board determines that an Owner does not materially comply with the requirements in Section XII or the conditions of an Individual Compliance Schedule.
 - (a) If an Owner demonstrates that material noncompliance was due to unique circumstances beyond the Owner's control, the Review Board may, at its discretion, amend an approved Individual Compliance Schedule rather than terminate it.
- (iv) Any proposed revocation shall be discussed at a public hearing of the Review Board. Owners shall be provided notice of such meeting at least thirty (30) Days in advance.
- (v) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to an Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
- (vi) Within twenty-one (21) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, Owners may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

XIII. **Hardship Compliance Plans**

Explanatory Text: This overview is for informational purposes, not part of the regulatory requirements. As described in this section, Owners requesting a hardship compliance plan must complete the following steps:

Step 1. Demonstrate the existence of any of the circumstances and characteristics listed in Section XIII.b. The existence of these circumstances and characteristics alone does not constitute a hardship.

Step 2. Consider the use of all compliance and flexibility options.

Step 3. Demonstrate how Steps 1 and 2 together create one of the eligible hardships listed in Section XIII.c.

Step 4. Request one of the types of Hardship Compliance Plan listed in Section XIII.a, propose an alternative compliance plan consistent with the types of relief authorized by Section XIII.d, and provide any additional information required by Section XIII.e.

Any additional or different requirements in the Ordinance, Regulations or application forms apply regardless of the language in this explanatory text.

- a. **Types of Hardship Compliance Plans.** Owners may apply for either a:
- (i) Short-term Hardship Compliance Plan, which may grant relief from compliance with applicable Emissions standards for one (1) to three (3) years. A short-term Hardship Compliance Plan may be extended once due to extenuating conditions for up to twelve (12) months. An Owner seeking relief for additional time must apply for a long-term Hardship Compliance Plan; or
 - (ii) Long-term Hardship Compliance Plan, which may grant relief from compliance with applicable Emissions standards for four (4) or more years.
- b. **Circumstances and Characteristics that Could Create Hardship in Complying with Emissions Standards.** The following circumstances and characteristics of an Owner, Building, or Building Portfolio could, either singularly or collectively, create a hardship in complying with the Emissions standards in the Ordinance. The existence of such circumstances and characteristics must be demonstrated in accordance with Policies and Procedures and any guidance or standard form issued by the Environment Department.
- (i) Financial circumstances and characteristics, including:
 - (a) Owner bankruptcy for all or part of a year in which an Emissions standard must be met.
 - (b) Schedule of compliance-related costs do not align with long-term schedules for capital expenditures that cannot be changed or are beyond the control of the Owner.
 - (ii) Regulatory or contractual circumstances and characteristics, including:

- (a) Long-term Energy contracts signed prior to October 2021 without reopeners for a significant portion of a Building's or Building Portfolio's Energy demand.
 - (b) Long-term leases without reopeners signed prior to October 2021 that prohibit any significant compliance-related work at a Building.
 - (c) Delays in delivery of Renewable Energy Certificates pursuant to executed Power Purchase Agreements because of delays in initial commercial operation for reasons beyond a Building Owner's control.
 - (d) Delays in electric system interconnections or adequate delivery of electricity for reasons outside of an Owner's control, provided that requests for interconnections and notification of anticipated electricity demands were made in a timely manner in light of planned work and Emissions standard compliance deadlines.
 - (e) Denial of, or significant delays in, government permits or approvals, including delays in Mass Save determinations or any equivalent state energy efficiency program, for significant compliance-related work, provided that applications for such permits or approvals were made in a timely manner in light of planned work and Emissions standard compliance deadlines.
 - (f) Government regulations affecting minimum Energy use, provided, however, that any resulting hardship arises from reducing Emissions from such Energy use.
 - (g) Accreditation/certification standards affecting minimum Energy use, provided, however, that any resulting hardship arises from reducing Emissions from such Energy use.
- (iii) Technical or operational circumstances and characteristics, including:
- (a) Building and/or site space constraints that limit significant compliance-related work.
 - (b) Equipment needed for significant compliance-related work is not adequately demonstrated or available in the United States, including due to supply chain constraints.
 - (c) High process loads, provided, however, that any resulting hardship arises from reducing Emissions from such Energy use.
- (iv) Other unusual circumstances or characteristics, including:

- (a) Low-income Owners of Building(s) that provide affordable housing to low-income tenants.
- (b) Delays in significant compliance-related work due to a natural disaster or declared state of emergency.
- (c) Other circumstances and characteristics, including financial, regulatory, contractual, technical or operational circumstances and characteristics, that, in its discretion, the Review Board deems relevant on a case-by-case basis.

c. **Eligibility for Hardship Compliance Plans.** To confirm eligibility for a Hardship Compliance Plan, an Owner of a Building or approved Building Portfolio must demonstrate that:

- (i) Due to the circumstances or characteristics of an Owner and/or Building or Building Portfolio, meeting the applicable Emissions standard through all combinations of compliance mechanisms and flexibility measures authorized by the Ordinance would, at either the Building or Building Portfolio level:
 - (a) Require space, equipment, or electric service that is not available;
 - (b) Significantly interfere with the ability to or significantly increase the cost to provide services that are critical to community health and safety, including life saving services, affordable housing, and such other services the Review Board may deem critical on a case by case basis; or
 - (c) Create an undue burden on a Building Owner by resulting in costs that would:
 1. Be significantly higher due to the circumstances or characteristics of a Building Owner, Building or Building Portfolio;
 2. Interrupt financial ability to operate a Building or its primary Building Uses;
 3. Have a more than merely negligible effect on a State agency's or State-created entity's ability to fulfill an essential government function; or
 4. Cause other significant effects that the Review Board determines should be mitigated in light of benefits provided by and/or greenhouse gas Emissions avoided by the Building or Building Portfolio.

If a Hardship Compliance Plan is for a Building Portfolio, an eligible hardship must be shown to exist at the Building Portfolio level.

- (ii) The Building or Building Portfolio does not have an Individual Compliance Schedule or is requesting to replace an Individual Compliance Schedule with a Hardship Compliance Plan.
- (iii) For a Building Portfolio, the requested Hardship Compliance Plan would apply to all Buildings in the Building Portfolio.
- (iv) The Building or Building Portfolio is in compliance with the Ordinance and Regulations, including, as applicable, (i) requirements for Building Portfolios, (ii) payment of fines for any failure to comply with reporting requirements or Emissions standards, (iii) where feasible, the submission of any missing required reporting data, and (iv) the correction of any failure to meet an Emissions standard by using any compliance mechanism(s) authorized in Section 7-2.2(m).
 - (a) Owners may request, for financial reasons, a waiver or reduction of (i) fines for failure to comply with an Emissions standard or (ii) submission of compliance mechanisms to correct such failure. Relief shall be granted at the Review Board's discretion. The Review Board may consider the factors in Section XVIII(d)(iv) when assessing requests for relief.
- (v) The Owner has not previously been denied a Hardship Compliance Plan for the same Building or Building Portfolio, provided, however, that Owners may submit a new application if there are material changes to the circumstances or characteristics of an Owner, Building, Building Portfolio, or the hardship they create.

d. **Types of Relief for Hardship Compliance Plans.** At its discretion, the Review Board may grant an Owner one or more of the following types of relief for a defined period of time or permanently, provided, however, that any relief granted in a long-term Hardship Compliance Plan shall be reassessed every five (5) years. Relief may apply to some or all of an Owner's compliance obligations.

- (i) Alternative schedules for complying with the Emissions standards in the Ordinance.
- (ii) Alternative Emissions standards than those in the Ordinance.
- (iii) Exemption of specified Energy use(s), in whole or in part, from a Building Owner's compliance obligations.
- (iv) Adjusted compliance obligations in light of third-party barriers or delays to significant energy efficiency or electrification projects, provided that such third-party is unrelated to the Owner.

- (v) Additional compliance mechanisms that the Review Board determines are consistent with achieving the Purpose set forth in Section 7-2.2(a).
- (vi) Other relief the Review Board deems appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

e. **Applications for Hardship Compliance Plans.** Unless otherwise noted in this section, all applications for Hardship Compliance Plans must include the following information and supporting documentation in accordance with any guidance and application instructions issued by the Environment Department.

- (i) A brief narrative description of how the Owner has used, plans to use, and/or considered the use of all the compliance mechanisms and flexibility measures authorized by the Ordinance other than direct Emission reductions, including: on-site renewable Energy, Community Choice Electricity, Renewable Energy Certificates, Power Purchase Agreements, Building Portfolios, and Individual Compliance Schedules.
- (ii) A description, accompanied with supporting documentation, of the existence and scope of the circumstance(s) or characteristic(s) in Section XIII.b. that apply to the Owner, Building, or Building Portfolio.
- (iii) A description, accompanied with supporting documentation, of the hardship resulting from the combination of:
 - (a) The compliance actions described in (e)(i); and
 - (b) The circumstances and characteristics described in (e)(ii).
- (iv) An evaluation of opportunities, feasibility, costs and financial support for direct compliance-related work in the Building or Building Portfolio, including, where applicable, opportunities for conducting compliance-related work in phases to reduce or avoid hardships.
- (v) A brief narrative description of significant Emissions reduction efforts and work on heating/cooling systems and energy-intensive systems/process loads in the Building or Building Portfolio prior to the time of application.
- (vi) The requested type, scope and length of relief the Owner is requesting for a Building or Building Portfolio.
- (vii) For applications for long-term Hardship Compliance Plans for Building Portfolios with an Emissions standard compliance plan, a description of how a Hardship Compliance Plan will impact the development and implementation of such Emissions standard compliance plan.

- (viii) For applications for long-term Hardship Compliance Plans, proposed conditions for the approval of the Hardship Compliance Plan that provide benefits to Environmental Justice Populations and/or advance the Purpose set forth in Section 7-2.2(a). Such conditions may include, but need not be limited to, measures related to equitable workforce development, housing affordability and stabilization, Energy cost- and benefit-sharing, public health, and climate resilience.

f. **Consultant Review.**

- (i) The Review Board may, at its discretion, request reasonable payment from applicants for the purpose of securing outside consultants to advise the Review Board in its review of applications for Hardship Compliance Plans. The Review Board shall determine the scope of the consultant review in consultation with the applicant. Such consultants shall work for and represent the interests of the Review Board and must have an educational degree in or related to the field at issue or three or more years of practice in the field at issue or a related field. In deciding whether to request a payment, and the amount, the Review Board may consider, among other factors:
 - (a) The number, size and uses of Buildings to which the Hardship Compliance Plan would apply;
 - (b) The number and type of circumstances and characteristics from Section XIII(b) that the application asserts contribute to a hardship;
 - (c) The type(s) and amount of relief requested; and
 - (d) The extent to which application material was provided by a third-party not related to the Owner.
- (ii) The Review Board may, at its discretion, waive the consultant payment for applications from government agencies or for Owners that demonstrate financial difficulty in making the payment.
- (iii) The Review Board shall develop, and may periodically update, guidance regarding limits on payments that may be requested from applicants for the purpose of securing outside consultants.

g. **Conditions of Approval for Hardship Compliance Plans.**

- (i) The Review Board shall include the following standard conditions on the approval or modification of any Hardship Compliance Plan:
 - (a) For any Building that is required to meet a more stringent or net-zero Emissions standard prior to 2050 pursuant to zoning requirements, an Owner must comply with that

Building-specific Emissions standard every year regardless of any relief granted in a Hardship Compliance Plan.

(b) For long-term Hardship Compliance Plans, the Review Board shall reassess approved plans every five (5) years. As part of this review, Owners shall update the information provided in their initial applications for Hardship Compliance Plans, including any changes to (i) circumstances and characteristics contributing to a hardship for an Owner, (ii) relevant technology, (iii) applicable regulatory requirements, and (iv) other relevant factors.

(c) The Review Board or its designee may inspect any Building that is subject to a Hardship Compliance Plan, at reasonable times and with reasonable notice, in order to assess compliance with the terms and conditions of said Hardship Compliance Plan.

(ii) On a case-by-case basis, the Review Board may include special conditions relevant to the distribution of benefits to Environmental Justice Populations and advancing the Purpose set forth in Section 7-2.2(a). Any proposal to add special conditions shall be discussed at a public meeting of the Review Board.

h. **Process for Hardship Compliance Plans Applications.** Applications for Hardship Compliance Plans may be submitted on a rolling basis in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) Applications for short-term Hardship Compliance Plans must be submitted by October 1 for the Hardship Compliance Plan to be used that same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such applications for a given year in its sole discretion.

(a) Owners may apply for a short-term Hardship Compliance Plan after the applicable deadline for a given year if the Owner experienced unforeseeable events or conditions outside the Owner's control that occurred or were identified after such deadline; provided that (i) the application must be submitted before December 31 of such year; and (ii) the application must include any information necessary for the Review Board to determine whether accepting such untimely application is appropriate, including but not limited to, the underlying event or condition and how it causes the Owner's need for a short-term Hardship Compliance Plan. The Review Board shall have sole discretion to reject any such application for untimeliness if it determines that the Owner has not met the foregoing requirements of this paragraph.

- (ii) Applications for long-term Hardship Compliance Plans must be submitted by July 1 for the Hardship Compliance Plan to be used that same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such applications for a given year in its sole discretion.
- (iii) Applications may be submitted in advance of the start of an anticipated hardship, provided, however, that the Review Board may prioritize the review of applications based on the year that the anticipated hardship would begin.
- (iv) Within forty-five (45) Days of receiving an application to create or modify a Hardship Compliance Plan, the Environment Department shall inform the Owner whether the application is complete.
- (v) For applications seeking relief that would begin in the next two (2) years, the Review Board shall hold a public hearing on an application within forty-five (45) Days of the Environment Department's finding of completeness or at such later date as requested in writing by the Owner and approved in writing by the Environment Department.
 - (a) Prior to the hearing, Owners must provide the Environment Department proof that the Owner provided Tenants written notice about the hearing in accordance with this Section at least seven (7) Days before the hearing. Acceptable forms of notice include posting a notice on Tenants' doors or in multiple common spaces such as Buildings' lobbies.
 - (b) The notice shall be made in accordance with any template that may be produced by the Environment Department. Notice to Tenants must be provided in English and the second most commonly spoken language(s) in the neighborhood(s) where the Building or Building Portfolio is located, as determined by guidance from the Environment Department. The Environment Department will provide translated notice templates for the Owner to complete.
- (vi) A written copy of the Review Board's decision to approve with standard conditions, approve with special conditions, or deny an application for or modification to an approved Hardship Compliance Plan shall be provided to an Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
- (vii) Within forty-five (45) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, the Owner may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

- (viii) A pending application for a new or modified Hardship Compliance Plan, or an appeal of a Review Board decision regarding a Hardship Compliance Plan, shall not stay an Owner's compliance obligations under the Ordinance or Regulations.

i. **Modifications of Approved Hardship Compliance Plans.** Review Board approval is required to make any modification to a Hardship Compliance Plan or to extend the relief granted in such plan to any additional Building. For Building Portfolios with Hardship Compliance Plans, a Building added to the Building Portfolio must meet the Emissions standard required by the Ordinance every year unless the Review Board approves a modification of the Hardship Compliance Plan for the Building Portfolio. Requests to modify an approved Hardship Compliance Plan must be submitted by September 1 for the modifications to be effective in the same year, provided that the Review Board may extend this deadline for all such requests for a given year in its sole discretion. The Review Board shall review and vote to approve with standard conditions, approve with special conditions, or deny a requested modification in accordance with the schedule in XIII.h. Decisions on modifications shall be made in accordance with the following requirements and other conditions the Review Board deems appropriate:

- (i) Any Building removed from a Hardship Compliance Plan will be subject to the Emissions standards set in Section 7-2.2 Table 1 or, if applicable, a Building Portfolio blended Emissions standard.
- (ii) If a Building is removed from a Building Portfolio with a Hardship Compliance Plan, the Review Board will reassess the Hardship Compliance Plan and may modify the relief and conditions provided, however, that:
 - (a) For Buildings that are removed from a Building Portfolio due to change of ownership of an existing Building or vacancy of an existing Building, the Owner of the remaining Building Portfolio may continue to rely on the terms of the Building Portfolio's Hardship Compliance Plan, and must continue to comply with all conditions, until the Review Board makes a decision on a request for modification.
 - (a) Reassessment is not required if the term of the relief in the Hardship Compliance Plan will end in less than eighteen (18) months.
- (iii) Existing Buildings added to a Building Portfolio with a short or long-term Hardship Compliance Plan may be subject to the Hardship Compliance Plan only if the Review Board approves the modification to the Hardship Compliance Plan. Such modification may include

changes to the relief and conditions of the Hardship Compliance Plan as the Review Board deems appropriate.

- (iv) An Owner seeking to modify both a Building Portfolio with a Hardship Compliance Plan and the Hardship Compliance Plan may submit a combined application to the Review Board. Such application shall be reviewed in accordance with the schedule in XIII.h.
- (v) Newly constructed Buildings, and new Buildings that begin zoning review or apply for a building permit after approval of a long-term Hardship Compliance Plan, may be added to an approved Building Portfolio with a Hardship Compliance Plan, provided that said Buildings meet their Building-specific Emissions standards every year regardless of any relief granted to the Building Portfolio in a Hardship Compliance Plan.

j. **Periodic Review of Long-Term Hardship Compliance Plans.**

- (i) In accordance with the schedule for reassessments of an approved long-term Hardship Compliance Plan, Owners shall provide the Review Board an update of the information provided in the application for the Hardship Compliance Plan. Such update should include a narrative description of any efforts to resolve or mitigate any circumstance, characteristic or hardship that contributed to the original Hardship Compliance Plan. Updates shall be provided in accordance with any forms or guidance issued by the Environment Department.
- (ii) If the Review Board determines that there has been a material change in (a) the circumstances, characteristics or hardship that were the basis for the Hardship Compliance Plan, (b) relevant technology, (iii) applicable regulatory requirements, or (iv) other relevant factors, the Review Board may amend the relief and conditions of a Hardship Compliance Plan.
- (iii) The Review Board's review of updates and determinations regarding modifications shall be made in accordance with the timeline for modifications in Section XIII.h.

k. **Termination of Hardship Compliance Plans.** Upon termination of a Hardship Compliance Plan, the Building or Building Portfolios will be subject to the Emissions standards in Section 7-2.2 Table 1 or, if applicable, a Building Portfolio blended Emissions standard.

- (i) An Owner may terminate an approved Hardship Compliance Plan. Notice must be provided to the Review Board by September 1 for the termination to be effective for the same year, provided that the

Review Board may extend this deadline for all such requests for a given year in its discretion.

- (ii) A Hardship Compliance Plan for a Building Portfolio shall be automatically terminated if the associated Building Portfolio is terminated in accordance with Section XI of the Regulations.
- (iii) The Review Board may initiate a proceeding to revoke an approved Hardship Compliance Plan if the Review Board determines that an Owner does not materially comply with the requirements in Section XIII, including requirements to report modifications to Building Portfolios subject to Hardship Compliance Plans, or the conditions of a Hardship Compliance Plan.
 - (a) If an Owner demonstrates that material noncompliance was due to unique circumstances beyond the Owner's control, the Review Board may, at its discretion, amend an approved Hardship Compliance Plan rather than terminate it.
- (iv) Any proposed revocation shall be discussed at a public hearing of the Review Board. Owners shall be provided notice of such meeting at least thirty (30) Days in advance.
- (v) A written copy of the Review Board's decision shall be provided to an Owner within seven (7) Days after the vote.
- (vi) Within thirty (30) Days of issuance of the Review Board's written decision, Owners may file a written appeal to the Commission. Appeals shall be made in accordance with any guidance or standard form provided by the Environment Department.

XIV. **Preservation of Records**

- a. Building Owners shall retain, in printed or electronic format, the following records for a period of ten (10) years:
 - (i) All records and information submitted pursuant to Section 7-2.2 or the Regulations, including records and information that is optional to report, whether submitted via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, an equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department, or otherwise;
 - (ii) All records and information necessary to demonstrate compliance with Section 7-2.2 or the Regulations, including, but not limited to, any back-up information substantiating a Building's Energy and water data, Emissions, and qualifications for Building Portfolios, blended Emission standards, Individual Compliance Schedules, or Hardship Compliance Plans, if applicable;

- (iii) Confirmation of submissions from ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or other systems designated for reporting by the Environment Department;
- (iv) Requests to Tenants for information pursuant to Section 7-2.2(o) or as otherwise needed to comply with Section 7-2.2;
- (v) Third-party verifications and a copy of the credentials and the contact information for the qualified energy professional that were uploaded to ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or other systems designated for reporting by the Environment Department; and
- (vi) Requests for extensions of reporting deadlines.

Building Owners shall make such records and information available for inspection or audit upon request by the Commission, Environment Department, Review Board or any third-party acting at their direction.

XV. Disclosure of Records and Information

- a. All records and information submitted pursuant to Section 7-2.2, including records and information that is optional to report, whether submitted via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, an equivalent reporting platform designated by the Environment Department, or otherwise, may be disclosed as determined appropriate by the Commission, Environment Department or Review Board.
- b. The Commission's public disclosure of any Building's compliance with the Emission standards in Section 7-2.2 may include information regarding a Building Owner's use of "Estimated" data and the Additional Compliance Mechanisms in Section 7-2.2(m), including, but not necessarily limited to, the type and amount of each Additional Compliance Mechanism used in a compliance year.
- c. Any Owner may request the Environment Department to provide a notice of compliance status for their Building or Building Portfolio.

XVI. Review Board

- a. **Designation of Community-Based Organizations.**
 - (i) Qualified not-for-profit organizations may apply to the Environment Department for designation as a Community-Based Organization using the application form developed, and updated as needed, by the Environment Department. All applicants must demonstrate and self-attest to their qualification as a Community-Based Organization as defined by Section 7-2.2(b).
 - (a) The requirement in Section 7-2.2(b) that the majority of the governing body and staff in Community-Based Organizations be local residents means residents of the Greater Boston area.

- (ii) The first application period for Community-Based Organizations shall begin in 2023, for a period set by the Environment Department, with subsequent application periods every five years thereafter.
 - (a) If fewer than six (6) qualifying Community-Based Organizations apply in any relevant application period, the Environment Department shall open an additional application period that will remain open until this number is met. Such an extended application period shall not delay nominations or appointments for members of the Review Board beyond any timeline established by the Environment Department.
- (iii) The Environment Department shall create a list of organizations that qualify as Community-Based Organization as defined by Section 7-2.2(b) based on its review of (a) applications and (b) any additional documentation that the Environment Department may request, at its discretion, from applicants in order to determine whether an organization meets the definition of a Community-Based Organization.
 - (a) Organizations on the list of qualified Community-Based Organizations must notify the Environment Department about any changes that would change their status as Community-Based Organizations. The Environment Department may, at its discretion, remove organizations from the list if it determines that they no longer qualify as Community-Based Organizations as defined by Section 7-2.2(b).
 - (b) If an applicant or member of the public disagrees with a decision by the Environment Department as to whether an organization qualifies as a Community-Based Organization, they may request the Commission to review the determination. Any decision by the Commission shall be final.

b. Selection of Review Board Members.

- (i) All members of the Review Board must be residents of Boston at the time of their appointment and for the duration of their term.
- (ii) Excluding the Chair of the Boston City Council's Environment, Resiliency and Parks Committee, or their designee, the remaining Review Board members may not be elected officials in the City of Boston or full-time employees of the City of Boston or a quasi-City agency.
- (iii) Members of the Review Board shall have expertise in at least one of the areas listed in Section 7-2.2(s). Expertise can be demonstrated through academic degrees, professional experience, volunteer

experience, lived experience or as otherwise provided in guidance documents. The Environment Department shall set nomination periods and may provide forms that must be used for nominations.

- (iv) Each qualified Community-Based Organization, as listed by the Environment Department in accordance with section XVI.a.iii., may nominate individuals to serve on the Review Board.
- (v) Six (6) individuals nominated by Community-Based Organizations will be appointed to the Review Board subject to the Mayor's selection and Council's approval. Preference may be given to nominees with expertise in multiple areas listed in Section 7-2.2(s) and any other criteria provided in Policies and Procedures. In the event that fewer than six (6) individuals are nominated by Community-Based Organizations or appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, the Environment Department shall open a new round of nominations from qualified Community-Based Organizations.
- (vi) No more than two (2) individuals nominated exclusively by the same Community-Based Organization shall serve on the Review Board at the same time, except when a seated member nominated exclusively by the same Community-Based Organization is serving as a holdover after their term of appointment has expired. In such cases, three (3) individuals nominated exclusively by the same Community-Based Organization may serve on the Board until a qualified individual has been nominated by a separate Community-Based Organization to fill the open seat, subject to the Mayor's selection and Council's approval.
- (vii) Members of the public, in their individual capacity or on behalf of organizations, may nominate individuals to serve on the Review Board and two (2) such nominees will be appointed to the Review Board subject to the Mayor's selection and the Council's approval. Preference may be given to nominees with expertise in multiple areas listed in Section 7-2.2(s) and any other criteria provided in Policies and Procedures.
- (viii) Members of the Review Board shall serve for terms of three (3) years. Individuals may serve more than one term, but no more than three (3) consecutive terms, provided that everyone must go through the nomination and selection process outlined in this Section for each term.
- (ix) If there is a current or upcoming vacancy on the Review Board, such vacancy shall be filled pursuant to Section 7-2.2(s) from the relevant pool of nominees for the current term. If there are not enough qualified individuals in the relevant existing pool of nominees, the

Environment Department shall, as relevant, solicit new nominations from either the list of Community-Based Organizations or the public.

- (x) A member of the Review Board may continue to serve on the Board after their term is expired until the appointment process for a replacement is complete and the new member is seated on the Board.

c. **Review Board Procedures.**

- (i) Upon appointment or reappointment to the Review Board, members must participate in any training required by the City regarding ethics, the Ordinance, and the Review Board's responsibilities and procedures.
- (ii) A majority of seated members in office shall constitute a quorum.
- (iii) The Chair of the Review Board may increase the frequency of regular meetings and convene additional meetings as they deem necessary; provided, however, that notice of any meeting must be published at least ten (10) Days prior to said meeting by the Boston City Clerk. The Review Board shall be subject to M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25.
- (iv) The Review Board shall follow the latest language access policies of the City of Boston.
- (v) If any member should fail to attend six (6) consecutive meetings or more than fifty (50) percent of total meetings in a calendar year, their seat may be considered vacated and filled pursuant to Section XVI.b.x.
- (vi) Any Review Board member requesting compensation in accordance with Section 7-2.2(s) shall submit such a request to the Environment Department; compensation will not be provided retroactively. Any member receiving compensation must notify the Environment Department of any change that would disqualify them from receiving compensation for their service on the Review Board. The Commission may, at its discretion, revoke compensation for any Review Board member if the Commission determines that they no longer qualify pursuant to Section 7-2.2(s). The Environment Department or Commission shall publish a compensation schedule, including rate and annual cap, for Review Board members via guidance documents.
- (vii) All records of the Review Board shall be public unless an exemption applies under the Massachusetts public records law, G. L. c. 66, § 10.

XVII. **Equitable Emissions Investment Fund**

- a. **Eligibility for Funding.** Any Building Owner or resident located in the City of Boston, or entity acting on behalf of Boston buildings, is eligible to receive funding from the Fund to evaluate, design, implement, support and/or administer projects

that produce direct Emissions reductions from Energy use in buildings located in the City of Boston.

b. **Application Process.** The Review Board shall hold at least one application cycle per calendar year and shall provide at least a thirty (30) Day period for interested parties to submit applications. The Review Board may, at its discretion, dedicate any application cycle to specific types of benefits or types of applicants that align with the goals of the Fund and the Ordinance. An application shall include the following information and any other materials required by standards issued by the Review Board, and shall utilize any standard form issued by the Environment Department:

- (i) A description of the proposed project, including:
 - (a) The building(s) that will be served by a proposed project, including identifying which, if any, building(s) are subject to BERDO.
 - (b) The total cost of the proposed project. For requests for funding a phase of a project, the cost of the proposed phase as well as any known future costs to achieve Emissions reductions.
 - (c) The realized or anticipated project start date.
 - (d) The anticipated project completion date.
- (ii) The total amount of funding requested by the applicant and a description of how the requested funding will be used for the proposed project.
- (iii) The expected timeline and scale of Emissions reductions, including from Energy savings, that would be achieved by the proposed project.
- (iv) A narrative of how the project would provide benefits to Environmental Justice Populations and/or advance the Purpose set forth in Section 7-2.2(a).
- (v) If applicable, any anticipated efforts to inform and engage tenants in the proposed project and any potential impacts of the proposed project on tenants.
- (vi) If applicable, a description of any other funding or financial support that the proposed project has received in the past or that may be leveraged in the future.
- (vii) If applicable, a description of any previous funding received by the applicant from the Fund and/or past applications to the Fund.

The Environment Department shall review each application for completeness and compliance with the eligibility criteria in the Ordinance and Section XVII.a. The Environment Department shall send all complete and eligible applications to the Review Board.

c. **Funding Decisions.**

- (i) The Review Board shall hold a public hearing for any final funding decisions.
- (ii) For all funding decisions, the Review Board must:
 - (a) Prioritize project proposals that provide direct benefits to Environmental Justice Populations and populations disproportionately affected by air pollution.
 - (b) Evaluate project proposals based on their expected impacts and benefits, according to the following criteria:
 - 1. **Emissions reductions.** The expected timeline and scale of direct Emissions reductions produced by the proposed project. Review Board members may consider metrics such as expected absolute Emissions reductions or expected Emissions reductions achieved per dollar spent.
 - 2. **Benefits to affordable housing and tenant protections.** The expected timeline and scale of direct benefits provided to low-income residents or residents of affordable housing, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Whether projects will support the development or protection of low-income or affordable housing.
 - ii. Whether projects will directly benefit low-income residents or residents of affordable housing.
 - iii. Whether projects include anti-displacement measures, such as rent stabilization, rent assistance, and/or relocation assistance.
 - 3. **Benefits to labor and workforce development.** The expected timeline and scale of benefits to local labor and workforce development, including equitable employment and contracting standards, living wage standards, and the hiring of local contractors, cooperative contractors, Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and/or trainees or recent graduates from local workforce development programs.

4. **Benefits to outdoor air quality.** The expected timeline and scale of direct emissions reductions of criteria air pollutants, including carbon monoxide, lead, ground-level ozone, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide.
5. **Benefits to indoor air quality and healthy environments for building occupants.** The expected timeline and scale of improvements related to indoor air quality, thermal comfort, and/or improvements resulting in a healthy environment for building occupants produced by the proposed project.
6. **Climate resilience benefits.** The expected timeline and scale of climate resilience benefits produced by the project, including heat resilience, energy resilience, and coastal and stormwater flood management.
7. **Energy justice benefits.** The expected timeline and scale of benefits related to reducing Energy bills for building occupants and/or contributing to community ownership or control over Energy infrastructure.
8. **Other benefits.** Other benefits presented by the applicant and evaluated at the discretion of the Review Board. This may include the proposed project's replicability, scalability, uniqueness, urgency and timeliness.

(iii) The Review Board shall develop, and may periodically update, a project review form that incorporates the criteria in Section XVII.c.ii. The Review Board will present the project review form for comment at a public hearing. The Review Board shall use the project review form to inform funding decisions.

(iv) If there are insufficient project proposals that meet the requirements of the Fund, funds may be held over to the next application cycle. If there are insufficient eligible proposals for three (3) or more consecutive application cycles or three (3) years, the Environment Department shall conduct community outreach and education about the Fund.

d. **Conditions for Expenditure.**

(i) The following standard conditions shall apply to the award of any money from the Fund:

- (a) If funding is provided for a project in Building(s) covered by the Ordinance, timely compliance with reporting requirements in the Ordinance and Regulations.
 - (b) For long-term projects or projects that include distinct phases or deliverables, a schedule for allocating awarded funds.
 - (c) Reporting by funding recipients to the Review Board regarding project progress and use of funding. The frequency of reporting may vary according to the project's lifetime.
 - (d) Reporting by funding recipients to the Review Board related to special conditions. The frequency of reporting may vary according to the project's lifetime.
 - (e) Completion of the funded project within the projected time frame.
 - (f) The Review Board or its designee may inspect any funded project and related records, at reasonable times and with reasonable notice, in order to assess compliance with the terms and conditions of the funding provided.
 - (g) If the funding recipient (i) fails to spend the funding and/or (ii) fails to comply with the terms and conditions of expenditure, the Review Board may consider limiting a recipient's access to new funding applications.
- (ii) On a case-by-case basis, approvals for funding may include special conditions relevant to the distribution of benefits to Environmental Justice Populations and advancement of the Purpose set forth in Section 7-2.2.(a). Any proposal to add special conditions shall be discussed at a public meeting of the Review Board.

XVIII. ***Enforcement and Penalties***

- a. **Appeals of Review Board Decisions.** For any Review Board decision regarding Building Portfolios, Individual Compliance Schedules or Hardship Compliance Plans:
 - (i) Owners may file a written appeal of a Review Board decision with the Commission in accordance with the timeframes set forth in the Ordinance and Regulations. Appeals should include a memorandum in support of an Owner's position and must comply with any form or guidance issued by the Environment Department.
 - (a) For Review Board decisions applicable to condominium associations, appeals must be brought by the association, and

the association must demonstrate to the Commission that it provided notice of such appeal to its members.

- (ii) A group of Tenants that requests a proceeding to terminate a Building Portfolio may file a written appeal within twenty one (21) Days of a Review Board decision to deny a petition to terminate or to modify a Building Portfolio in lieu of the requested termination.
- (iii) The Commission shall hold a public hearing on an appeal within ninety (90) Days of receipt. Hearings shall include an opportunity for comment by the appellant, the Building Owner, the Review Board, and the public.
 - (a) If an appellant fails to appear at a scheduled hearing, the appeal shall be continued until the next regularly scheduled Commission hearing. If an appellant fails to attend both meetings without providing notice to the Commission, the appeal shall be dismissed with prejudice.
- (iv) The Commission shall reverse a Review Board's decision if it determines that:
 - (a) The decision was inconsistent with the Ordinance or Regulations;
 - (b) The decision ignored material information in the record; or
 - (c) There was no reasonable basis for the decision.

The Commission shall base its decision on the record that was in front of the Review Board. In the event that the Commission determines that significant information relevant to the application materially changed or became available after the Review Board's decision, the Commission shall, at the request of an appellant, return the decision to the Review Board for further consideration.

- (v) Appellants shall carry the burden of proof except with respect to Review Board termination proceedings for Building Portfolios, Individual Compliance Schedules or Hardship Compliance Plans.
- (vi) If the Commission finds in favor of an appellant, the underlying decision shall be returned to the Review Board for reconsideration consistent with the Commission's findings and directions. The Review Board shall issue its revised decision within sixty (60) Days of the Commission's remand of an appeal. In the event that the Review Board's revised decision is appealed to the Commission, the Commission shall issue a direct ruling on the appeal.

- (vii) A Review Board decision to grant, modify or terminate a Building Portfolio, Individual Compliance Schedule or Hardship Compliance Plan shall not take effect pending an appeal and any reconsideration by the Review Board.
- (viii) An appeal shall not stay an Owner's compliance obligations, including as required by Section XIII.h.viii., provided, however, that, the Review Board's termination, or modification in lieu of termination, of a Building Portfolio, Individual Compliance Schedule, or Hardship Compliance Plan shall not take effect until the Commission's decision on an appeal and any reconsideration by the Review Board.

b. Notice and Appeals of Violations.

- (i) For any alleged violation of the Ordinance or Regulations, the Environment Department shall issue at least one notice of probable violation sixty (60) Days prior to the Review Board issuing a notice of violation with potential for penalties pursuant to Section 7-2.2(q). Notices shall be sent to either (i) the mailing address provided by an Owner via its BERDO reporting, or (ii) in the case of an Owner that has not reported, to the address provided by the Assessing Department.
 - (a) With respect to violations based on a discrepancy between third-party verification of information reported by a Building Owner and an Owner's self-certified reporting:
 1. There shall be at least ninety (90) Days between the Environment Department's notice of probable violation and the Review Board's issuance of a notice of violation with potential for penalties; and
 2. The Environment Department shall, at an Owner's request, meet with the Owner and/or their third-party verifier to discuss the discrepancy in the data and options to come into compliance.
- (ii) Building Owners may dispute a notice of violation by sending a written request for a hearing to the Review Board. Such appeals must comply with any guidance or standard form issued by the Environment Department and should include a memorandum in support of an Owner's position and relevant material to demonstrate compliance with the Ordinance and Regulations.

c. Penalties. The violation of any provision of these Regulations is subject to the imposition of penalties pursuant to and as outlined in M.G.L. ch. 111, s. 31C and Sections 7-2.2(q) - 7-2.2(r), including as follows:

	Failure to Comply with Reporting Requirements	Failure to Comply with Emission Standards	Failure to Accurately Report Information
Non-Residential Buildings \geq 35,000 gross square feet or two (2) or more Buildings on the same parcel that \geq 100,000 gross square feet.	\$300 a Day	\$1,000 a Day	\$1,000-\$5,000
Residential Buildings \geq 35 units or 35,000 gross square feet.	\$300 a Day	\$1,000 a Day	\$1,000-\$5,000
Non-Residential Buildings \geq 20,000 gross square ft. but < 35,000 gross square feet.	\$150 a Day	\$300 a Day	\$1,000-\$5,000
Residential Buildings \geq 15 units or 20,000 gross square feet. but < 35 units or 35,000 gross square feet.	\$150 a Day	\$300 a Day	\$1,000-\$5,000

Fines and penalties may be enforced pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, s. 21D, M.G.L. c. 111, s. 31C and/or M.G.L. c. 40U, s. 12.

d. Notice and Appeals of Penalties and Fines for Failure to Comply.

- (i) The Environment Department shall issue an assessment of penalties and fines to Owners that fail to correct a noticed violation of the Ordinance within thirty (30) Days after the Review Board's issuance of the written notice of violation or within thirty (30) Days after the issuance of an adverse decision on an appeal to the Commission. Fines shall continue to accrue after the issuance of an assessment of penalties.
- (ii) For Building Portfolios:
 - (a) Any fine for a failure to comply with reporting requirements or to accurately report information shall apply to each Building for which reporting requirements were not met; and
 - (b) Any fine for a failure to comply with a required Emissions standard shall apply to each Building in the Building Portfolio, except for any Building that is required to, and does meet, a

more stringent or net-zero Emissions standard prior to 2050 set through zoning requirements.

- (iii) An Owner may request a reduction or waiver of an assessed penalty or fine by filing a written request to the Review Board within twenty-one (21) Days of the issuance of an assessment of penalties or fines. The Review Board shall hold a public hearing on a request to reduce or waive an assessed penalty or fine within forty-five (45) Days of receipt. Hearings shall include an opportunity for comment by the appellant and the public.
- (iv) In exercising its discretion to (i) reduce or waive an assessed penalty or fine or (ii) recommend seeking injunctive relief or placing an assessment on an Owner's tax bill or lien on a Building, the Review Board may consider and condition relief on factors such as:
 - (a) An Owner's plans for bringing a Building or Building Portfolio into full compliance;
 - (b) An Owner's record of compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance, Regulations, and the terms and conditions of any Building Portfolio, Individual Compliance Schedule and/or Hardship Compliance Plan issued to the Owner;
 - (c) Whether a failure to comply with the Ordinance or Regulations was due to unexpected or unforeseeable events or conditions outside the Owner's control;
 - (d) Whether the Owner has an application pending for a Building Portfolio, Individual Compliance Schedule and/or Hardship Compliance Plan;
 - (e) Whether payment of the full penalty or fine would cause significant effects that the Review Board determines should be mitigated in light of benefits provided by and/or greenhouse gas Emissions avoided by a Building or Building Portfolio; and
 - (f) With respect to violations based on a discrepancy between third-party verification of information reported by a Building Owner and an Owner's self-certified reporting, (1) the extent to which an Owner responded to any informal notifications from the Environment Department that there appeared to be inconsistencies or problems with their self-reported data and (2) whether the discrepancy caused a more than negligible impact on the Owner's compliance with applicable Emissions Standards.

e. **Notice of Appeal Hearings.** For appeals of Review Board decisions, notices of violations, assessments of fines, or other enforcement actions:

- (i) Appellants shall publish a notice of public hearing on the appeal, in conformance with any guidance or standard form issued by the Department, in a local newspaper of general circulation. The notice shall be published at least fourteen (14) Days but not more than twenty-one (21) Days in advance of the hearing. A copy of the notice, as published, and the date, page, and name of the publication, shall be submitted to the Commission prior to the hearing date. Such notice shall include:
 - (a) The date, time and place of such hearing;
 - (b) A brief description of the subject of the appeal;
 - (c) The street address of the relevant Building(s), provided, however, that for Building Portfolios with more than five (5) Buildings, notice may instead include: (i) the name of the Owner of the Building Portfolio, (ii) a list of the neighborhoods in which the Buildings are located, and (iii) a link to the full list of the street addresses for the Buildings in the Building Portfolio and directions for members of the public to request a printed copy of such list from the appellant; and
 - (d) Notice that a copy of the appeal is available for public inspection at the Environment Department.



STATEMENTS OF FISCAL EFFECT AND SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT

Pursuant to the Boston City Code, Ordinances, Chapter 2-12.5, all City of Boston departments, in promulgating rules and regulations, shall adhere to the requirements of the Massachusetts Administrative Procedure Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 30A, provided, however, that the City Clerk shall perform those duties designated in chapter 30A to be performed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 30A, § 5, requires that an estimate of a rule or regulation's fiscal effect on both the public and private sector be filed with the City Clerk prior to the rule or regulation taking effect. Furthermore, an amended small business impact statement must be filed with the City Clerk prior to the adoption of the proposed rule or regulation. The small business impact statement shall consider whether the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed regulation would hinder achievement of the purpose of the proposed regulation:

1. establishing less stringent compliance or reporting requirements;
2. establishing less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
3. consolidating or simplifying compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
4. establishing performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation;
5. an analysis of whether the proposed regulation is likely to deter or encourage the formation of new businesses in the Commonwealth; and
6. minimizing adverse impact on small businesses by using alternative regulatory methods.

A. Statement of Fiscal Effect

Fiscal Effect on the Public Sector

The Air Pollution Control Commission (Commission) anticipates that the fiscal effect of the Regulations on the City of Boston will be minimal and any additional fiscal impacts will be due to procedural requirements as required by the Ordinance. While the Commission does not anticipate that the City of Boston will have to hire additional staff to implement and administer these Regulations, the Commission acknowledges that additional positions may be needed for implementing and administering the Ordinance as a whole.



In instances where a state department and/or agency needs to comply with the Ordinance, the Commission anticipates that the fiscal effect of the Regulations on said state department and/or agency will also be minimal.

Fiscal Effect on the Private Sector

The Commission does not anticipate that the Regulations will have a measurable fiscal effect on the private sector. The Regulations provide building owners regulated by BERDO with more flexibility to use Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (MA Class I RECs) for purposes of BERDO compliance.

B. Small Business Impact Statement

The Ordinance applies to commercial buildings that are 20,000 SF or larger or residential buildings with 15 or more units. The building owner is responsible for reporting and other compliance requirements.

Adding Flexibility to the Use of MA Class I RECs

The Regulations expand flexibility for the generation and retirement requirements for MA Class I RECs. This will significantly impact the feasibility for building owners to use this as a mechanism to come into compliance with emissions standards during annual reporting seasons.

Consolidating or Simplifying Compliance or Reporting Requirements for Small Businesses

The Regulations provide different flexibility measures for which small businesses are eligible to apply. Hardship Compliance Plans offer the potential to have more flexibility in meeting the default emissions standards and timelines established by the Ordinance.

Appropriateness of Performance Standards Versus Design Standards

This consideration is not applicable as the Regulations are clarifying already existing processes defined in the Ordinance.

Identification of Duplicate or Conflicting Regulations and Consideration of Alternative Regulatory Methods



The Commission has not identified any conflicting or duplicate regulations of any other City of Boston department, agency, board, or commission, and the Commission has not identified an alternative regulatory method in lieu of the Proposed Regulations to implement and administer the Ordinance.

Analysis of Whether the Proposed Regulations are Likely to Deter or Encourage the Formation of New Businesses Within the City of Boston

The Commission does not expect that the Proposed Regulations will have any significant impact on the formation of small businesses in Boston, as the Regulations define and clarify already existing processes and streamline flexibility measures outlined in the Ordinance.

The Commission believes that the Ordinance may encourage the formation of new businesses to support Owners with reporting, applications for flexibility measures, and planning for emissions compliance as required by the Ordinance and defined in the Proposed Regulations. Creation of such businesses would not be a direct result of the Proposed Regulations, but a result of the Ordinance.



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Timothy J. Smyth, Esquire

NOTICE OF RETIREMENT BOARD ELECTION

To: Members & Retirees of the Boston Retirement System
From: Timothy J. Smyth, Executive Officer
Date: May 15, 2026
Re: Notice of Retirement Board Election

Purpose: Election of the Third and Fourth Members of the Boston Retirement Board.

Term of Office: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2029.

Eligible Candidate: “Any active or retired member of the appropriate system may qualify as a candidate by filing with the board a nomination paper or papers, containing the signatures and addresses of at least twenty active or retired members of the system,” *see* 840 CMR 7.04.

Nomination papers: Available at Boston City Hall, Room 816 on June 30, 2026.

Requirements for Nomination Papers: Nomination papers must be filed with the Retirement Board no later than end of business on July 17, 2026. Any member-in-service or retiree of the Boston Retirement System may qualify as a candidate by filing with the Election Officer of the Boston Retirement System a nomination paper, or papers, containing the signatures and addresses of at least twenty (20) members or retirees of the Boston Retirement System.

Voting Method: Voter’s option of either paper (US Postal Service) or electronic (preferred method).

Election Start: August 21, 2026.

Election Close: Ballot must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 25, 2026.

Beneficiaries of Deceased Members are not Eligible to Vote



Boston City Council

Erin J. Murphy

Councilor At-Large

Communication Regarding the Selective Blocking of Late-Filed Matters

There have been 52 late-filed matters before the Boston City Council this year alone.

Forty-three moved forward.

Nine were blocked.

Every single one of the blocked matters was mine, and every single one was blocked by Councilor Durkan starting on April 1.

And this is not normal. In 2025, close to 150 late-filed matters were filed, and there were zero objections. Not one was blocked.

Late files have been part of Council business forever, not just this year, not just under this Council President, and not just under this administration. The Mayor files them. Councilors file them. Central Staff files them for personnel matters. This is not new, unusual, hidden, or improper. It is part of the Council's order of business.

The reason this process exists is simple: Council business does not stop at the Monday 10 a.m. filing deadline. Things happen between the filing deadline and the Wednesday Council meeting. Time-sensitive matters come up. Information changes. Urgent issues need to be addressed. Late files are the proper way to bring those matters before the body so the Council can do its work publicly and on the record.

Councilor Durkan knows how this works because she has used these same Council procedures herself. Her own late-filed matters have moved forward without objection, and when she filed an emergency GLP-1/Ozempic-related resolution in 2025, it passed unanimously.

If you go back and watch prior Council meetings, or read the minutes, you will see the same process over and over again. After the regular filed matters are handled, and before the Council moves to the Consent Agenda, the Chair checks with the Clerk and asks, "Are there any late files?" The Clerk gives the number of late-filed matters. The Chair then states that, in the absence of objection, those late files will be added to the agenda. If no objection is heard, the matters are properly before the body, the Clerk reads them into the record, and the Council handles them publicly by voting on them, referring them to committee, or placing them on file.

That is the normal process. That is the public process. That is the safeguard.

Since April 1, Councilor Durkan has been playing games with my filings and trying to stop me from doing the work I was elected to do. She has blocked my late-filed matters, including BPS oversight, a city audit, overdue accountability requests, and an emergency hearing order to identify replacement funding for firefighter cancer screenings.

These were not random matters. They were timely, urgent, and directly connected to the work before us, especially with the budget vote only weeks away.

And let's be clear: she is not objecting to late files as a principle. She is objecting to my late files.

On April 15, she made that obvious. She objected to eight late files, then moved to divide the question so six personnel matters could pass while the remaining two were blocked. That tells you everything. She is picking and choosing which late files get through and which ones get stopped.

So spare me the lecture about Open Meeting Law and protecting the integrity of the body.

If this were really about transparency, she would let the Clerk read the matter into the record so the public could hear what was being blocked. She could still object. She could still vote no. She could still move to refer it to committee. She could still explain her concerns publicly.

But objecting before the public even hears the item is not transparency. It keeps the public from knowing what is being blocked.

This is not about rules. This is not about transparency. This is not about the integrity of the body.

This is selective obstruction, and it is making it harder for the Council to do its job.

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OFFICES OF BOSTON CITY COUNCILORS
Miniard Culpepper & Brian Worrell

MEMORANDUM

TO: Secretary Philip Eng, Massachusetts Department of Transportation

CC: Mayor Michelle Wu, City of Boston

FROM: City Councilor Miniard Culpepper; City Councilor Brian Worrell

DATE: May 15, 2026

RE: Why We Will Not Board the Blue Hill Avenue Bus Ride-Along — and Why This Community Deserves Rail, Not More Buses

Secretary Eng and Mayor Wu:

We are writing to explain, directly and on the record, why we will not be participating in today's ride-along on the Blue Hill Avenue bus corridor — and why **our absence is not a statement against transit investment, but rather a principled stand for a community that has been promised, and denied, world-class transit for nearly forty years.**

The Blue Hill Avenue corridor runs through Mattapan and western Dorchester — neighborhoods that are predominantly Black, predominantly working-class, and predominantly transit-dependent. Roughly half of peak-hour travelers on Blue Hill Avenue are bus riders. Thousands of young people rely on the bus to get to school. Many residents have no car at all. This community does not need to be convinced of the value of public transit. What it needs — what it has always needed, and what it has repeatedly been promised and denied — is transit that is safe, affordable, reliable and community oriented.

I. A History of Broken Promises

Before evaluating any new proposal, Secretary Eng and Mayor Wu, we ask you to reckon with the history. This is not the first time government officials have arrived in Mattapan and Roxbury bearing promises of better transit. It is, in fact, at least the fifth time in living memory.

1987 — The Orange Line Elevated Is Demolished. A Green Line Branch Is Promised.

When the MBTA relocated the Orange Line from Washington Street to the Southwest Corridor, it took rapid transit away from Dudley Square and Egleston Square —

neighborhoods that had been served since 1901. Local residents were promised that a branch of the Green Line would be built along Washington Street to replace the service they lost. That promise was never kept.

2002 — Light Rail Is Promised. The Silver Line Bus Is Delivered Instead.

After fifteen years of debate, the MBTA opened the Silver Line on Washington Street in 2002 — not as the light rail that had been promised, but as a bus. Residents of Roxbury and Dudley Square had waited a decade and a half for replacement rapid transit service and received a bus painted a different color. The 2003 Program for Mass Transportation acknowledged that light rail had been the original promise, considered converting the Silver Line, and again recommended buses instead.

2005–2019 — The Big Dig Mitigation Commitment and the Fairmount Line Delays.

As part of legally binding Big Dig mitigation commitments, the Commonwealth pledged improved Fairmount Line service and four new stations — including one at Blue Hill Avenue. The Blue Hill Avenue station was originally supposed to open alongside three others in 2013. Instead, it opened in February 2019, after years of false starts, missed deadlines, and design controversies. The community waited six additional years for a station they had already been promised.

2014 — Rapid Transit Frequency Is Promised. The Indigo Line Is Cancelled.

In 2014, Governor Deval Patrick's administration committed to purchasing Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) vehicles to transform the Fairmount Line into a true rapid transit corridor — the long-sought Indigo Line — with frequent, subway-like service to South Station. By late 2015, the Baker administration had blocked all funding for the project and scrubbed every reference to it from the Capital Investment Plan. The Indigo Line was dead. State Representative Russell Holmes called it plainly what it was: promises not kept.

Today — A Bus Lane Is Offered. Rail Conversation Is Refused.

Now, in 2026, the City and the MBTA are offering center-running bus lanes on Blue Hill Avenue — funded by an \$80 million federal grant — as the next chapter in this corridor's transit story. We do not oppose investment in this corridor. We oppose the terms of this particular offer: take the bus lanes as designed, or take nothing. We oppose the framing that a community which has waited forty years for the rail it was promised should be grateful for bus lanes and stop asking questions.

II. Why We Cannot Board the Bus Today

We were invited on this ride-along in good faith, and we appreciate that. But participating would signal acceptance of a process that has failed this community, a plan with serious unresolved technical flaws, and a negotiating posture that treats community leaders as a public relations problem rather than a legitimate voice. Specifically:

Secretary Eng Has Not Met With Community Leaders As Promised.

Secretary Eng personally agreed to meet with community leaders who have alternative designs for Blue Hill Ave. That meeting never happened. Boarding a bus with Secretary Eng before that promised meeting takes place rewards the breach of commitment — exactly the pattern this community has endured for decades. We will not model that.

The Mayor Convened a Closed-Door Meeting, In Her Office, That Excluded Advocates and Councilors.

Mayor Wu held a meeting with elected officials to discuss Blue Hill Avenue. Neither Councilor Culpepper nor Councilor Worrell was invited. Neither were community advocates representing the neighborhoods most affected by this project. A ride-along cannot substitute for the inclusive dialogue that was denied.

The Plan Has Serious, Documented Technical Flaws That Have Not Been Addressed.

Northeastern University Professor Peter Furth, a nationally recognized transportation expert who conducted an independent volunteer analysis of the MBTA's concept design, has identified four systemic issues with the plan. Professor Furth's capacity analysis projects volume-to-capacity ratios as high as 187% — a recipe for gridlock — and turn lanes that are unrealistically short, which standard traffic software fails to flag but which would create severe backups in practice. The MBTA has released no traffic analysis of its own. It is asking this community to trust a plan it will not defend with data.

The Community Engagement Process Was Not Genuine. All Possible Transit Options Weren't Presented.

The MBTA and City report that more than 200 community meetings have been held without all the data. But all those meetings were bus-centric as a design. The MBTA and City missed the opportunity to look at a more ambitious and environmentally friendly option for transit. As Professor Furth's memo documents, once the plan was finalized behind closed doors, those meetings shifted from design participation to plan promotion. Community members feel — correctly — that their concerns have been heard but not incorporated. This is not the same as meaningful engagement.

Free Fares Have Been Taken Off the Table Without Explanation.

One of the most direct ways to improve transit equity along this corridor is to make the bus free for the communities it serves. The City and MBTA have refused to engage seriously with this conversation, even as federal dollars are being directed to capital infrastructure. A community that is predominantly low-income should not have to choose between paying for the bus or walking.

III. What This Community Has Earned and Deserves

We want to be clear: we are not anti-transit. We are pro-justice. And justice, after 40 years, looks like more than center-running bus lanes.

The Blue Hill Avenue corridor served center-running transit from 1903 to 1955 — a streetcar in a median that was purpose-built for transit. The wide concrete medians that stand there today are a direct inheritance of that design. The MBTA's own plan acknowledges this history in proposing to put transit back in the center. We agree with that logic. But the community is right to ask: if this corridor was built for rail, and was promised rail, and has the physical infrastructure to support rail, why are we only being offered a bus?

We call on Secretary Eng and Mayor Wu to commit, in writing, to the following:

- A genuine study of rail alternatives for the Blue Hill Avenue corridor — including light rail and heavy rail — before any final plan is approved.

- Exploration of non-bus options for rapid transit connectivity between the Blue Hill Avenue corridor and Nubian Square, the Seaport District, the Longwood Medical Area, and downtown — including the long-deferred Green Line extension to Nubian Square via the unused Tremont Street tunnel, which has been studied and shelved multiple times.
- An honest accounting of what the Fairmount Line electrification timeline actually means for this corridor. Battery Electric Multiple Unit (BEMU) service promised for 2028 must be delivered — not cancelled, not delayed, not replaced by another study.
- A commitment that if bus lanes are built on Blue Hill Avenue, they will be designed with an explicit, binding conversion pathway to rail — not as a permanent substitute for rail.
- Release of the full traffic capacity analysis behind the current design, including the turn-lane modeling. The community has a right to this data.
- A serious and public conversation about free fares on the Blue Hill Avenue corridor.

IV. Our Commitment

We want this project to succeed. We want Blue Hill Avenue to be greener, safer, and better served by transit. We want the community to thrive. None of that is in conflict with our opposition to this plan in its current form.

What we will not do is board a bus as a gesture of support for a process that has been closed to community voices, a plan that has not been defended with data, and an offer that tells a majority-Black community to accept bus service as the ceiling of their transit ambitions — again.

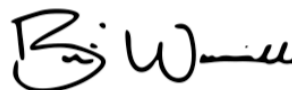
When Secretary Eng meets with the community leaders he promised to meet. When the design process reopens to genuine compromise, as Professor Furth has outlined, it is technically feasible. When the City and MBTA put rail alternatives on the table alongside bus options. When the full traffic analysis is made public. We will be at that table. We will be constructive partners. We will work toward a Blue Hill Avenue that this community can be proud of.

Until then, we must respectfully decline the free ride.

Respectfully submitted,



Councilor Miniard Culpepper
Boston City Council, District 7



Councilor Brian Worrell
Boston City Council, District 4

Appendix:

40 Years of Broken Transit Promises

Blue Hill Avenue & Dudley Square (Nubian Square) — Boston, MA

A timeline of transit commitments made to communities of color in Roxbury, Mattapan, and Dorchester — and what actually happened.

- Promise made
- Promise broken
- Partial delivery
- Still unresolved

Baseline service in place 1901–1987 | Background

The Orange Line elevated serves Dudley Square for 86 years

Since the city's first elevated rail line opened, Dudley Square (now Nubian Square) in Roxbury has had direct rapid transit service to downtown Boston. The Orange Line elevated on Washington Street connects Black and working-class neighborhoods to jobs, schools, and services. This is the baseline from which everything that follows must be measured.

Promise made 1987 | Promise #1

Orange Line is rerouted west. A Green Line branch to Dudley Square is promised.

The MBTA demolishes the Washington Street elevated rail line and reroutes the Orange Line several blocks west along the Southwest Corridor — away from Dudley Square, Egleston Square, Northampton and Dover. Residents lose their direct rapid transit connection to downtown. In exchange, the MBTA formally promises to build a Green Line light rail branch along Washington Street to restore equivalent service. Local residents were told they would receive "equal or better" replacement transit.

Promise broken — bus substituted for rail 1987–2002 | Broken Promise #1

15 years pass. No Green Line. The community gets a bus.

For fifteen years, the only replacement for the demolished elevated rail is bus route #49 — a regular bus running in mixed traffic on Washington Street. The promised Green Line branch is debated, studied, and deferred. No funding is committed. No shovels go in the ground. In 2002, the MBTA opens the Silver Line on Washington Street — but not as the light rail it promised. The Silver Line is a bus, painted silver, given a few transit-like amenities. It is not rail. The original promise is quietly abandoned.

Legally binding commitment made 1990–2005 | Promise #2

Big Dig mitigation: Fairmount Line improvements become a legal obligation

The Big Dig — Boston's massive highway reconstruction project — generates enormous air pollution in communities of color. As legally binding mitigation, the Commonwealth commits to substantially improving the Fairmount commuter rail line, which runs through Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Hyde Park. This includes four brand-new stations. Blue Hill Avenue

is one of them. Community advocates push for the "Indigo Line" concept: frequent, subway-like service comparable to the Red, Orange, or Green lines. The commitment is legally enforceable — not optional.

Three of four stations built 2012–2013 | Partial delivery

Three of four promised Fairmount stations open — Blue Hill Avenue is left out

After years of delays, three new Fairmount Line stations open: Talbot Avenue (2012), Four Corners/Geneva, and Newmarket (2013). These are genuine improvements. But Blue Hill Avenue — the station in the heart of Mattapan, the neighborhood most dependent on transit — is not built. The MBTA repeatedly delays it, citing design disputes and neighborhood opposition to the station's exact placement. Missed opening deadlines: December 2016, June 2017. The community continues to wait for the station they were promised a decade earlier.

Promise made 2014 | Promise #3

Governor Patrick commits to the Indigo Line: rapid transit-frequency rail on the Fairmount corridor

Governor Deval Patrick's administration announces a plan to purchase Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains — faster, more responsive rail vehicles — for the Fairmount Line. The promise: transform the Fairmount Line into a true rapid transit line, running every 10 to 20 minutes like a subway, with a single affordable fare. This is the Indigo Line vision the community has fought for since the late 1990s. A request for proposals for 30 DMU vehicles is issued. Weekend service begins as a pilot. The community's decades-long transit equity fight appears to be winning.

Promise broken — project cancelled entirely 2015–2016 | Broken Promise #3

New governor kills the Indigo Line. Every reference to it is erased from the state budget.

Governor Charlie Baker takes office in January 2015. By late 2015, his administration has blocked all funding for the Indigo Line and removed every mention of it from MassDOT's Capital Investment Plan. The DMU procurement is cancelled — officially because only one manufacturer responded to the bid, at a price deemed too high. The Indigo Line is dead. State Representative Russell Holmes calls it plainly what it is: "promises not kept." The corridor that runs through Boston's most transit-dependent communities of color will not get rapid transit service.

Station built — but service still inadequate 2019 | Partial delivery

Blue Hill Avenue station finally opens — 6 years late, but still only commuter rail

After years of delays and design controversies, Blue Hill Avenue commuter rail station opens on February 25, 2019 — six years after the other three promised stations. It provides a 23-minute ride to South Station, a genuine improvement over the 45–60 minute bus trip. But it runs on a commuter rail schedule: infrequent trains, gaps of 60–90 minutes between service, no trains late at night or early morning. It is not the rapid transit service that was

promised. A station exists, but the community still lacks frequent, reliable rail access to the rest of the city.

Improvement made — bigger promise pending 2024–2025 | Promise #4

30-minute Fairmount service begins. BEMU electric trains promised for 2028.

Fairmount Line frequency improves to 30-minute service in May 2024 — a meaningful step forward. The state and MBTA announce plans to electrify the line using Battery Electric Multiple Unit (BEMU) trains by 2028, which would allow 20-minute service headways. This is another promise that advocates are watching carefully, after the DMU promise of 2014 was cancelled by the next administration. The community has heard this kind of commitment before.

Unresolved — community opposition active 2026 | Still unresolved

The MBTA proposes center-running bus lanes on Blue Hill Avenue. The community says: not enough.

The City of Boston and MBTA propose a \$124+ million redesign of Blue Hill Avenue, with center-running bus lanes as the centerpiece. The community's response: after 40 years of broken promises about rail — the Green Line that never came, the Silver Line buses substituted for light rail, the Indigo Line cancelled before a single train ran, Blue Hill Avenue station opening six years late — why is "better buses" still the ceiling? Blue Hill Avenue was built for center-running transit in 1903. It had a streetcar median. The corridor's physical infrastructure has always pointed toward rail. The community is not asking for something new. It is asking for what was promised, taken away, and promised again — and never delivered.

The pattern, plainly stated

Every decade since 1987, the state has promised this corridor rapid rail transit — and either cancelled the plan, substituted buses, or delivered years late. The question being asked in 2026 is not whether the community wants transit investment. It is whether the City and MBTA are willing to live up to the promises deferred for more than 40 years.



Boston City Council

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Councilor - District 2

Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston
One City Hall Square, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02201

May 18, 2026

Dear Mayor Wu,

On May 11, 2026, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) was fined \$363,000 (with a reduction to 1%, amounting to \$3,630) as a result of the investigation into the Ruth Barkley Apartments' elevator failures in the South End. I'm grateful to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board for taking these public safety violations and quality of life issues involving the BHA seriously. It is well known that elevator failures have been reported across the entire BHA system in Boston. Please see the hearing minutes here:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/ruth-barkley-apartments-19-monsignor-reynolds-way-boston-c23-078-fine-hearing-packet-0/download>

Additionally, I filed a 17F on elevator safety issues at Ruth Barkley Apartments in January. To date, the request for information has not been provided to me by BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok. We cannot turn our back on seniors, persons with disabilities, communities of color, immigrant neighbors and low-income residents. This is a civil rights issue.

At this time, I am respectfully requesting a full investigation into any and all BHA properties with an elevator, including Ruth Barkley Apartments. BHA and its contractors must be held fully accountable for every elevator failure, and all related complaints must be promptly reported to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board. Residents have repeatedly shared that these persistent breakdowns leave them feeling unsafe, unwanted, neglected and forgotten. Over the last two years, I have held City Council hearings where seniors and persons with disabilities shared heartbreaking stories - being unable to make appointments, pick up medication, or make it to their unit to use the restroom. We all know that is not right and unacceptable.

With continued safety and quality of life concerns related to elevators in public housing across the city, I continue to call for the City of Boston to establish a BHA Elevator Safety Commission. As I advocated with my resolution in February, this Commission may be composed of representatives from the BHA Task Force, as well as representatives from BHA leadership, the Boston Fire Department, the Inspectional Services Department, the Disabilities Commission, a City Council member, and a representative from the elevator maintenance industry. Please note I have offered to Chair this Commission because we can no longer ignore these dangerous public safety issues across the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



May 18, 2026

Re: Initial Thoughts from the Chair on How the Amendment Process Could Work

To my fellow City Councilors:

The Mayor's proposed budget for the 2027 fiscal year cuts a wide swath of city programs. These include grants for veterans (\$724,000), small businesses (\$1 million), Black male advancement (\$500,000), the arts (\$1 million), food justice (\$400,000), legal services for immigrants (\$350,000), women's programming (\$100,000), housing vouchers (\$2 million), legal services to parents with kids in school who receive eviction notices (\$450,000), and a lot more. In addition, while preserving 10,500 summer youth jobs, the Mayor's proposed budget would cut \$6 million from the year-round youth jobs program, eliminating nearly 1,800 youth jobs during the school year. This is on top of a BPS budget that despite an increase of nearly \$100 million, still calls for the elimination of roughly 500 positions, including many teachers and paras.

As the chair of the Ways and Means Committee, so far this budget season, I have heard from hundreds of residents. They have shown up in large numbers to testify at our 40+ budget hearings and at three public listening sessions. In addition, I have participated in budget town halls throughout the city, including in Allston-Brighton, Chinatown, East Boston, Egleston Square, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury and West Roxbury. The message is clear: people want the City Council to work to restore the funding for many of these programs.

The good news is that the City Council has a tool to deliver for Boston residents. In November 2021, Boston voters approved a City Charter amendment that granted the City Council the authority to amend the Mayor's proposed budget. Before that, the Council could only vote to accept or reject the budget. As a result, the City Council does not have to rely on the Mayor to change the budget, rather the Council can exercise its amendment powers by moving funds within the budget to address the needs of our communities.

Because of the impact the proposed budget's cuts will have, many advocates are now calling on the City Council to reject the budget outright, rather than make amendments, causing the Mayor to submit a new budget. If I am understanding these calls correctly, in rejecting the budget we would be calling for the Mayor either to revise the budget to make the changes we are calling for or the Mayor would increase the size of the budget by, among other things, increasing revenue projections and/or spending from reserves.

For me, the most important thing is to ensure that the City has a budget in place by the end of June. If the City Council fails to approve a budget before the start of the 2027 fiscal year, the City has to revert to the FY26 budget month-by-month until a new budget is approved. Because the FY26 budget is less than the FY27 budget, layoffs may be needed to accommodate higher wages and health care costs that will occur regardless of the status of our budget.

In speaking with the drafters of the charter amendment, however, it is clear that they did not contemplate a scenario where the City Council would reject a budget when we had the power to amend it. The Legal Department, in a memo issued on May 14, issued some guidance about how the process would work if the Council rejected the budget at various times, which is helpful for our deliberations.

While my colleagues should consider all of their options when weighing how they will be voting on the budget, I want to share some initial thoughts about what the amendment process can accomplish. Initial analysis shows that we can move funds that would go a long way toward restoring programs without inflating the size of the budget or impacting city services.

I am not in favor of inflating the budget for a few reasons. First, dipping into our reserve funds or inflating revenue projections create the real risk of budget deficits if the revised projections are too high. As the supplementals being filed to cover FY26 budget deficits demonstrate, we made errors in our calculations for this fiscal year, including over-estimating the amount that some of our revenue sources would generate.

In addition, these moves could jeopardize the City's AAA-bond rating which allows us to borrow money to build infrastructure the City needs at the lowest possible interest rate, saving the City millions of dollars. Indeed, New York City and San Francisco recently had economic outlooks downgraded by the bond rating agencies because they drew from reserves and because they were overly optimistic in their revenue projections.

Lastly, if there was more revenue in the budget, good budgeting practices would likely require those funds to be directed to historically underbudgeted line items, like police overtime. Thus, adding revenues (without amending the budget), would simply result in those funds going to other priorities.

To increase our revenues for our specific priorities, like housing affordability, we should be pushing harder for the transfer fee, which is projected to bring in over \$160 million a year in revenues to the City.

The Mayor has stated that a new budget would be the same size or smaller. If the budget is going to remain the same size, a vote to reject the budget is putting off the hard work of finding the funding for the programs we want to support.

I hope we can begin the conversation of how to amend the budget soon, but here is one way it could play out if my colleagues reach a consensus. My team looked through all of the non-personnel line items (e.g., supplies, maintenance, contracts) and tallied the 5-year average amount underspent for each item. Conservatively, we estimated the funds we could generate by taking 50 percent of the 5-year average of unused funds for each line item, excluding all line items that were either in police or fire, and also excluding line items that were already cut by

more than 50 percent of the average underspend in the FY27 proposed budget. We came up with \$6 million.

Jobs that are kept vacant are another type of underspending. We looked at personnel line items for every department, except police and fire, to look for vacancies. The City already discounts these positions in the budget in something called salary savings. We excluded all of the public safety departments and the positions that were already cut through salary savings. If we cut just 30 percent of the vacant positions and very conservatively estimate each of these positions with an annual salary of \$35,000, we found another \$7 million.

In addition to this amount is a line item called Execution of Courts. These are funds to pay for court judgments and settlements. Due to a statutory requirement that we pay the full amount of this line item regardless of how much is budgeted for it, we have used money from this line item the last two years to fund amendments, leaving around \$1 million in that line item. If we remove \$4 million from Execution of Courts, this would create a fund of roughly \$17 million for amendments without impacting services.

Realistically, it would be difficult to get consensus for using all of these funds, which would remove money from nearly every non-public safety department. But conservatively estimating that we find around \$11 million in funding that my colleagues could agree on, we could put together an amendment package that restores most or all of the funding for youth jobs, housing vouchers, veterans grants, the Equity Cabinet's grants, the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture grants, legacy business grants, GrowBoston, Age Strong grants, Access to Counsel, and ESOL classes for BPS parents.

We have a lot of work to do on the City Council to actually craft a package and get it passed on the Council floor by our deadline of June 10. A package of amendments could be higher or lower, increase funding for some of these programs, or fund different programs altogether. But I hope my colleagues do not simply look past the amendment process because exercising the authority granted to us by Boston voters in 2021 can produce significant, tangible benefits to our Boston residents who need us to deliver.

Sincerely,



Ben Weber
Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means



Maura Healey, Governor
Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
Phillip Eng, Interim MassDOT Secretary and MBTA General Manager & CEO

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BOSTON, MA

BY HAND

Nicholas Gove, Interim Chief of Streets
City of Boston
One City Hall Square, Suite 721
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Notice of Intent to Acquire Temporary Rights in a Portion of Summer Street

Dear Chief Gove:

As you may be aware, representatives of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) have been meeting and working with City officials with respect to the coordination of several activities related to planning for the World Cup. The MBTA will be providing direct service from South Station to Foxborough for approximately 20,000 patrons for all seven of the matches played at Gillette (Boston) Stadium. We appreciate the continuing coordination among our teams.

Given the unprecedented number of people who will be coming to the South Station area to attend the World Cup, take their regular commutes or attend fan-related events, the MBTA has elevated its security posture in and around South Station to mirror those in place at Boston Stadium on match days. As we have shared with your team, it is imperative that a limited portion of Summer Street near South Station is closed to traffic. This is a matter of necessity given the expected increase in foot traffic near the station in order to best ensure that pedestrians, workers and others walking in that area can do so safely. It comes at the strong recommendation of the Massachusetts State Police and the MBTA’s public safety personnel, as well as numerous public safety organizations. We have communicated with major employers in the area to ensure they are aware and supportive. It is also consistent with steps we collaboratively take during other major events, such as First Night and the Boston Marathon.

The portion of Summer Street we are requesting access to extends from its intersection with Atlantic Avenue to its intersection with Dorchester Avenue, including the sidewalk. It will not include the actual intersection of Dorchester Avenue and Summer Street. We appreciate that the City has agreed to allow the MBTA to close this portion of Summer Street to traffic for the first match on June 13, 2026, and the match on June 19, 2026. As we have discussed, equal public safety needs exist for the other five matches. The MBTA will continue to work with the City to secure a permit, which would allow the MBTA to withdraw this notice.

This letter will serve as notice that the MBTA intends to acquire the temporary right to occupy this portion of Summer Street during the following “Access Periods” for the purpose of accommodating public safety in connection with the upcoming World Cup matches:

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
Ten Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116
mbta.com

Access Period	Date	Access Period Start	Access Period End
1	June 16, 2026	8:00AM	6:00PM
2	June 23, 2026	6:00AM	4:00PM
3	June 26, 2026	5:00AM	3:00PM
4	June 29, 2026	6:30AM	4:30PM
5	July 9, 2026	6:00AM	4:00PM

The MBTA offers this notice, in accordance with the requirements of section 5C of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, that it plans to adopt the proposed temporary taking not sooner than thirty (30) days following your receipt of this letter and to record it thereafter at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, at which time the right to occupy Summer Street during the Access Periods will vest in the MBTA.

MBTA officials will coordinate their activities with the City of Boston, Boston Police and other public safety officials before, during, and after the Access Periods. Should City officials wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to reach out to Erika Mazza at emazza@mbta.com or at 857.772.3882. Thank you for the City's attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Phillip Eng (May 15, 2026 15:47:47 EDT)

Phillip Eng, Interim MassDOT Secretary
and MBTA General Manager & CEO

cc: Boston City Clerk, by hand
Ms. Erika Mazza
Ms. Lynsey Heffernan
John Martin, Esquire
Ms. Erin McCabe
Michael Firestone, Esquire, by email



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW FUNDING, REIMBURSEMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR POLICE OVERTIME DETAILS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Each year during the City Council’s budget deliberations, significant discussion occurs regarding police overtime spending and the financial impact of overtime costs on the City’s operating budget; and

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department provides overtime coverage for a variety of public safety needs, including emergency response, public safety staffing, special events, construction details, and other operational requirements; and

WHEREAS, Many police details throughout the City are associated with private construction projects, utility work, sporting events, concerts, and other activities where outside entities such as utility companies, developers, or event venues are responsible for reimbursing the City for police services; and

WHEREAS, Questions are frequently raised by members of the Boston City Council and the public regarding how police overtime is funded, how reimbursement for paid details is administered, and how much of the overtime costs associated with police details are ultimately borne by the City of Boston versus reimbursed by private entities; and

WHEREAS, A clearer understanding of the funding structure for police overtime details, including reimbursement mechanisms and cost recovery, would help provide transparency and allow the Boston City Council to make more informed decisions during the City’s annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring transparency regarding overtime funding, reimbursement practices, and the financial relationship between the City and outside entities paying for police details is an important component of responsible fiscal oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the funding structure, reimbursement process, and financial accounting for police overtime details in the City of Boston. The hearing shall examine how police overtime associated with construction details, utility work, special events, and other activities is funded, how outside entities reimburse the City for these services, and what portion of overtime costs are ultimately paid by the City of Boston.

Representatives from the Boston Police Department, the Boston Police Detail Board, the Office of Budget Management, the City Auditor, and other relevant officials shall be invited to testify and provide data regarding overtime expenditures, reimbursement practices, and cost recovery.

Filed on: March 18, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING LEVELS

WHEREAS: The longstanding issues of understaffing, overstretched resources, forced overtime, and looming retirements at the Boston Police Department is a public safety and public health emergency, which also disregards officers' personal physical and emotional well-being, as well as that of their families; *and*

WHEREAS: In July of 1980, the minimum number of patrolmen at a given time for the Boston Police Department rose from 2,300 to 2,500 by law in the City Municipal Code to ensure adequate staffing among detailing projects and other police duties ; *and*

WHEREAS: The increase in voluntary retirement and resignations is resulting in mandatory overtime for police officers. In fact, resignations rose from one in 2018 to thirty six in 2022, while voluntary retirement rose from seventeen in 2018 to 127 in 2022. Current staff is ordered to fill those gaps, resulting in the physical and emotional burnout in the officers, and potentially diminished ability to serve Boston residents; *and*

WHEREAS: The environment at the Boston Police Department must be one that fosters a strong relationship within the community. It is important that there is trust between officers and the residents, and officers and their superiors. Officers who feel valued and respected are more likely to have positive interactions with the public, ultimately improving trust and cooperation through community policing; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston Police needs a consistent influx of recruits to replace those that are retiring, resigning, and transferring to other police departments throughout Massachusetts to help prevent shortages. There are several recruiting practices that can be put in place to increase staffing, including mentorship programs, incentive programs, and community outreach; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that the City of Boston act promptly to ensure that Boston Police Department is comfortably in excess of 2,500 officers to prevent the overstretched resources, forced overtime, and overworked officers that has resulted in this ongoing emergency and crisis; *therefore*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss adequate police staffing in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, the Boston Police commissioner, and Boston City Council are invited to attend.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

HOME RULE PETITION

ORDERED, That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**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 JORGE
ENRIQUEZ**

Section 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Jorge Enriquez. If Jorge Enriquez meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

Section 2.

The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Filed in Council: May 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO 17F REFORM

WHEREAS, Transparency is a critical piece of maintaining both public trust and civic engagement in a democracy, by displaying values of good government, accountability, and openness. Pursuant to Rule 17F of the Council rules and Boston City Charter, a formal request for information may be submitted by a member of the Boston City Council. These requests are used to obtain records, reports, data, or other information from the Mayor’s administration and City departments in order to support the Council’s oversight and legislative responsibilities. Rule 17F has not been amended since 1982; *and*

WHEREAS, According to the City Charter, the administration is responsible, “to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions.” There is no timeline that currently exists, or deadline for the Mayor to provide a response, only that they can be summoned after seven days. At the time of writing this Home Rule Petition, twelve 17F requests have gone unanswered, with the earliest 17F order filed on January 28, 2026, over 100 days ago. There are an additional seventeen 17F requests that went unanswered from 2022-2025; *and*

WHEREAS, While the City Charter indicates that the administration needs to answer a 17F request within seven days of receipt, there are no parameters enforcing this rule besides the possibility of a summons. Councilors file 17F requests to seek information relevant to the constituents they serve, it’s critical that Councilors, and therefore their constituents, receive the relevant information they have requested to address quality of life, public safety, public health, and inform legislation; *and*

WHEREAS, Currently, the City Council can request the presence of the Mayor to answer a 17F in-person at a Council meeting if the order was not answered within seven days - an enforcement measure of which there is no known modern precedent. At this time, with twelve unanswered 17F requests, it is wholly appropriate to establish a more enforceable measure that will ensure that questions are answered; *and*

WHEREAS, Concerns remain that a 17F now only carries the same weight as a public records request. A 17F may, in some cases, facilitate a more direct or expedited exchange

of information than a public records request, particularly when the matter involves active City Council oversight or departmental accountability; *and*

WHEREAS, Under current enforcement, a public records request holds more weight because the requester is guaranteed to receive a response within 10 business days, whereas a 17F is a power of the Council that, in practice, does not often provide information within the seven days that it requires. The inserted language outlining that the Mayor must provide the information or reasons in writing for withholding such information, further enforces that there will be a response from the City Administration within seven days; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO 17F REFORM

SECTION 1. Section 1.17F, Chapter 376, of the Acts of 1951, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 190, of the Acts of 1982, is hereby amended by striking the first sentence, and in its place inserting the following language:

The city council at any time may request from the Mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction. The Mayor must provide the requested information or reasons for withholding such information, in writing, within 7 days. If not provided and filed with the City Clerk within 7 days, at the next regular Meeting of the Council, the Council shall suspend its business and may request the Mayor's presence to provide the requested information at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the Mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions.

SECTION 2.

The provisions of this act are severable and if any provision, or portion thereof, should be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: May 20, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, Boston firefighters face extraordinary occupational health risks, including repeated exposure to smoke, toxins, carcinogens, traumatic incidents, hazardous materials, extreme physical stress, and dangerous emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Fire Department has repeatedly reported that the average life expectancy for firefighters after retirement is approximately five years, an alarming reality that demands urgent action on cancer prevention, early detection, behavioral health, injury prevention, and firefighter health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, during the Boston Fire Department's FY27 budget hearing, the Department reported that it has received Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding since 2017, and that this funding has supported critical Safety, Health and Wellness efforts, including firefighter skin cancer clinics and comprehensive body scans; and

WHEREAS, during the hearing, the Department stated that the total Assistance to Firefighters Grant award has been approximately \$1.4 million, generally split between the Training Division and Safety, Health and Wellness, and that the Department did not receive this grant funding this year; and

WHEREAS, the Department testified that the loss of this grant creates serious uncertainty about how the City will continue to provide the level of services needed to ensure firefighters receive adequate screening, early detection, and health supports to prevent occupational cancers and other serious health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Department reported that firefighter skin cancer clinics screened 587 members, resulting in 94 referrals for further treatment and 2 potential melanomas identified, demonstrating the life-saving importance of early detection; and

WHEREAS, the Department also reported that 711 firefighters received comprehensive body scans, including imaging, blood work, urinalysis, and low-dose CT scans, with findings identifying 637 high-risk cases and 413 cardiovascular issues, allowing members to seek early intervention; and

WHEREAS, the Department further explained that this cancer screening and health screening work has been developed despite not being funded through the Department's regular operating budget, and that a prior \$100,000 re-appropriation was used to help support recent cancer screening through United Diagnostics; and

WHEREAS, firefighter cancer screenings, comprehensive body scans, mental health supports, physical therapy, injury prevention, nutrition, and other Safety, Health and Wellness services are not extras. They are necessary supports for firefighters whose work places them at elevated risk of occupational cancer, cardiovascular disease, traumatic stress, physical injury, and early death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boston should not allow these services to lapse because a federal grant was not awarded. The City must identify replacement funding to ensure firefighters continue to receive the screenings, mental health supports, and wellness services they need to stay healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, because the FY27 budget process is underway and the Council must vote on the budget before the end of June, this matter requires immediate attention before final budget decisions are made;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold an emergency hearing prior to the Council's FY27 budget vote to discuss immediate replacement funding and long-term sustainable funding for Boston Fire Department firefighter cancer screenings, comprehensive health screenings, behavioral health and mental health supports, physical therapy, injury prevention, nutrition, and Safety, Health and Wellness programming previously supported by Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that representatives from the Boston Fire Department, Boston Firefighters Local 718, the Office of Budget Management, the Mayor's Office, the Boston Public Health Commission, and any other relevant departments or stakeholders be invited to testify; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the hearing include discussion of immediate and long-term funding options, including but not limited to supplemental appropriations, dedicated operating budget line items, grant replacement funding, public health partnerships, reserves, and other available city resources to ensure these health and safety programs are not dependent on uncertain or temporary federal grant funding; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the hearing identify the amount of funding needed to replace the lost Assistance to Firefighters Grant support and prevent any lapse in firefighter cancer screenings, comprehensive health screenings, mental health supports, physical therapy, nutrition, injury prevention, and related Safety, Health and Wellness services in FY27.

Filed in Council: May 20, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR WORRELL AND COUNCILOR CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE FY26
SNOW AND WINTER MANAGEMENT COSTS**

WHEREAS, The city spent more than \$28 million through Jan. 31, 2026, for snow and winter management despite only one of the year's two major snowstorms hitting by then; *and*

WHEREAS, During the past decade, \$28.5 million was the most the city spent on snow and winter management for an entire season, including \$28.1 million in 2017-18 when 59.9 inches of snow fell, and \$28.5 million in 2021-22 when 51.1 inches of snow fell; *and*

WHEREAS, The snow removal budget in February in March have yet to be released, and will include one more major snowstorm; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's snow removal costs are out of line with other similar years for snow total and fueled an expected deficit in FY26; *and*

WHEREAS, The costs, strategies, and efficiency of snow and winter management in Boston must be examined in order to optimize savings and effectiveness beyond the status quo; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing about FY26 snow and winter management, and that the Public Works and Finance Department and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: May 18, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS IN BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR AND THE TRANSITION TO PFAS-FREE REPLACEMENT UNIFORMS

WHEREAS, Firefighters face disproportionately high rates of occupational cancer, with studies showing firefighters have a significantly higher risk of developing and dying from cancer compared to the general public; *and*

WHEREAS, Research from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and other public health organizations has identified PFAS chemicals, commonly referred to as “forever chemicals,” in firefighter turnout gear and protective uniforms, with exposure linked to increased risks of cancer and other serious health impacts; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has enacted laws to phase out PFAS chemicals in firefighter protective gear, while fire departments across the country have begun transitioning to PFAS-free turnout gear in response to growing health and safety concerns; *and*

WHEREAS, The International Association of Fire Fighters and occupational safety experts have recommended replacing legacy turnout gear containing PFAS chemicals as safer alternatives become commercially available; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has a responsibility to ensure that Boston firefighters are provided with the safest possible equipment and uniforms that protect firefighters not only from immediate fire hazards, but also from long-term occupational health risks; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the presence of PFAS and other carcinogenic chemicals in Boston Fire Department turnout gear and uniforms, evaluate the availability and feasibility of transitioning to PFAS-free and carcinogen-free replacement uniforms, review current procurement and testing standards for firefighter protective equipment, and assess steps the City can take to better protect firefighters from occupational cancer risks; and that representatives from the Boston Fire Department and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: May 20, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR WORRELL AND COUNCILOR CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXAMINE FY27
PROPERTY TAX RATES**

WHEREAS, Under Proposition 2 ½, the city can raise property tax revenue a total of 2.5 percent, which it has done every year for more than four decades; *and*

WHEREAS, Because of declining commercial property values, the overall effect of that decision led to multiple years of double-digit property tax increases for residential homeowners; *and*

WHEREAS, The FY27 budget forecasts another 2.5 percent raise in property tax revenue, which could mean another double-digit property tax increase for residential homeowners; *and*

WHEREAS, There is a proposed operating budget increase of 2.1 percent in FY27, while residential homeowners could see an average property tax hike well above that, according to the most recent trends; *and*

WHEREAS, In the spring of 2024, the administration released projections of residential property tax increases of 10 to 16 percent, ultimately settling at 10.5 percent later in the year; *and*

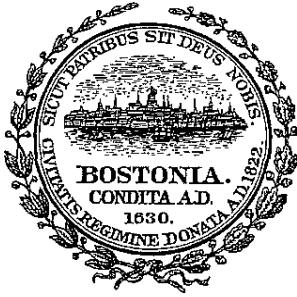
WHEREAS, The administration should be explicit that while the FY27 revenue forecast calls for an annual revenue increase of 2.1 percent, the property tax revenue that comprises 73 percent of the budget will likely increase 2.5 percent regardless; *and*

WHEREAS, Some community members, advocates and others might look at a 2.1 percent increase in the FY27 operating budget and think that their property tax increase might be similarly limited in FY27, while nonprofits and vulnerable residents would bear the brunt of \$20 million in direct cuts in the proposed operating budget; *and*

WHEREAS, While a forecast that was included in the FY26 budget book projected \$5.02 billion in revenues in FY27, that number always included a 2.5 percent increase in 73 percent of the budget, and it is imperative that the administration release a more detailed projection of the property tax projection for FY27 in order to better examine the drop in projected revenue; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing about FY27 property tax projections, and that the Finance Department and Assessing Department and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: May 18, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND-AND-TWENTY-SIX

ORDER OF COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY

ORDER FOR A 17F REQUEST REGARDING NEW CITY POSITIONS CREATED SINCE JANUARY 15, 2025

ORDERED: That under the provisions of Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

This 17F request follows up on a prior 17F Order regarding new City workforce headcount and funding. That request was originally filed on October 21, 2024, re-filed on January 8, 2025 because responses had not yet been received, and the City's response was received and placed on file by the City Council on January 15, 2025.

This request is being filed with the expectation of a timely response within the one-week period required under Section 17F. The prior request required re-filing after nearly three months without a response, and given the importance of this information to current budget deliberations and public accountability, the City should provide a complete and timely response.

A list of all new positions that have been created, funded, reclassified, posted, or filled since January 15, 2025, the date the City's response to Docket #1565 regarding new City workforce headcount and funding was received and placed on file by the City Council.

This information should include, but not be limited to:

1. The job description;
2. The salary or salary range;
3. The City department the job falls under;
4. The funding source for each position;
5. A brief explanation of the rationale behind creating, funding, or reclassifying each position;
6. The specific date each position was created, funded, reclassified, posted, or filled;
7. The current status of each position, including whether it is filled, vacant, pending hiring, posted, frozen, or eliminated;
8. The qualifications or requirements for each position;
9. Whether the position is permanent, temporary, provisional, contract, grant-funded, or otherwise time-limited;
10. Whether the position was included in the adopted budget, added through budget transfer, funded through supplemental appropriation, or otherwise created after budget adoption;

11. Whether the position provides direct resident-facing services, frontline operations, management, administration, policy, communications, or executive leadership functions;
12. Any available metrics or expected outcomes related to the creation of the position;
13. The total annualized salary cost and estimated fringe benefit cost for all such positions;
14. Any positions included in the prior response to Docket #1565 that have since been eliminated, defunded, reclassified, transferred, or remain vacant.

I hereby request that the Mayor's Office, the Office of Human Resources, the Office of Budget Management, and any other relevant City departments, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter.

Filed in Council: May 20, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN AND ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK 2026

WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week was first established in 1974 to honor the EMS professionals who protect the health and safety of communities across the nation; *and*

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services play a critical role in our country by responding to 9-1-1 calls involving sudden and urgent illnesses, injuries, and/or life-threatening situations; *and*

WHEREAS, As first responders, EMS workers must operate in high pressure, often life-or-death situations to solve medical emergencies and deliver immediate care; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston EMS is the largest EMS service in New England, employing almost 400 workers and delivering responses 24/7. Boston's EMS ensures that our residents can be cared for no matter the situation or time of day; *and*

WHEREAS, EMS workers are critical to health services in our communities, cities, and country. EMS workers deserve our utmost respect for their sacrifice, courage, and contributions; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognizing National Emergency Medical Services Week demonstrates that the Boston City Council is committed supporting EMS workers; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors, commends, and celebrates the vital work of Boston Emergency Medical Services and recognizes May 17th to May 23rd, 2026 as National Emergency Medical Services Week.

Filed on: May 20, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, The League of American Cyclists has been celebrating May as National Bike Month since 1956, sharing the many benefits of bicycling and encouraging more bicycling in our communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Bicycling, whether for commuting, leisure, or fitness, produces enormous benefits including a healthier population and planet, better connected communities, and local economic benefits; *and*

WHEREAS, One of Boston's foremost bicycling advocates was the late Mayor Thomas M. Menino, who began Boston down the path of multimodal transportation with a focus on ensuring bike safety and promoting the health and economic benefits of bicycling; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston, in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission and Blue Cross Blue Shield, has maintained and expanded the Bluebike rideshare program, increasing accessibility to bicycling for residents and commuters across the city and surrounding municipalities; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston hosted Bike to Work Day on May 7th in City Hall Plaza, celebrating and promoting active transportation and bringing together a community of bicyclists; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite the immense benefits of bicycling, bicyclists usually share the road with faster and significantly larger motor vehicles, making bicycling - even on designated paths - extremely dangerous, necessitating investments to ensure safety on the road for all users; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston maintains a robust network of bike infrastructure, better connecting every neighborhood of the city, with continued improvements needed to ensure safe, smooth, and broad connectivity; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes the month of May as Bike Month in the City of Boston and celebrates the many benefits of a bicycling city.

Filed on: May 20, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
JUNE 2026 AS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS, June is Immigrant Heritage Month, a designation which celebrates and recognizes the contributions, resilience, courage, and achievements of immigrants in the United States; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrant Heritage Month was established in 2014 by the I Stand With Immigrants / I Am An Immigrant Initiative, powered by FWD.us, to empower immigrants, introduce positive immigrant-centered stories to the cultural narrative, provide an opportunity to celebrate one's own cultural heritage, and raise awareness surrounding the abundant ways in which immigration enriches our communities, economy, and country; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is the proud home of a large and diverse immigrant population comprising 28.2% of the City's population and including nearly 189,500 people; *and*

WHEREAS, One in ten Boston residents is a naturalized citizen and approximately 30,000 Boston residents are eligible for United States citizenship; *and*

WHEREAS, 14% of Boston's population, or 97,000 people, were noncitizens as of 2020, including lawful permanent residents, those with temporary protected status (TPS), Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals, those holding nonimmigrant visas, refugees, asylum seekers, and undocumented immigrants; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrants as a whole contribute economically to Boston, working in service occupations at nearly twice the rate of native-born resident workers, work blue collar jobs at a larger share than native-born workers, make up 28% of Boston's business owners, and have higher rates of workforce participation than those who are native-born; *and*

WHEREAS, Noncitizens play vital roles in Boston's economy, including generating \$2.9 billion of Boston's Gross City Product; supporting 24,000 jobs through customer demand; owning 4,500 Boston businesses; comprising 9.7% of Boston's

resident workforce; and paying \$161 million in state income taxes, \$56 million in state sales taxes, and an estimated \$27.9 million in property taxes; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigration has increased racial and ethnic diversity in Massachusetts, contributing to the vibrancy of Boston’s cultural fabric and introducing new ideas, languages, perspectives, cuisines, art, music, customs, and literature; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrants are beloved members of Bostonian families; 41% of immigrants living in Boston, including 24,000 noncitizens, are married, and 19% of Boston’s population are the children of at least one immigrant, including 23,000 children in Boston with at least one noncitizen parent; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrants are vital to the diversity within Boston’s academic community; as of 2020, over 251,000 higher-education students in Massachusetts were immigrants or international students, comprising 56% of the total higher-education student body, including 56,000 first-generation immigrants, 113,000 second-generation immigrants, and 82,306 international students; further, over 56,850 immigrants in Boston are estimated to hold Bachelor’s degrees, including 35,000 noncitizens with Bachelor’s, Graduate, or Professional degrees; *and*

WHEREAS, Our immigrant communities are as diverse as they are sizable, and with this diversity comes intersecting identities and varied needs; the City of Boston should strive to uplift these intersecting identities and meet these needs through supporting specialized, culturally-specific, and intercultural programming; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston already invests resources in programs supporting immigrant communities, including citizenship and naturalization, workforce development, small business support, and youth mentorship; these initiatives should seek to address overlapping identities such as race, ethnicity, class, caste, gender, sex, refugee status, citizenship status, disability status, and sexual orientation, and develop measurement and reporting methods to track equitable impact; *and*

WHEREAS, Over 1.3 million LGBTQIA+ adult immigrants in the United States face unique challenges and require targeted health, legal, and culturally-informed programming, underscoring the need for approaches that recognize both immigration status and LGBTQIA+ identity; *and*

WHEREAS, Pride Month and Immigrant Heritage Month intersect, creating a critical opportunity to celebrate and support LGBTQIA+ immigrants, to support cross-collaboration among public health institutions to tackle intersectional issues impacting LGBTQIA+ immigrants, and to encourage nonprofits and organizations to expand their programming, resources, and advocacy efforts to address the unique and intersectional needs of immigrant communities; *and*

WHEREAS, There's more work to be done to protect and honor immigrants and their heritages, including but not limited to inclusive and accurate historical education, combatting health disparities, promoting data privacy, funding culturally relevant public art, uplifting cultural institutions, protecting the civil rights of immigrants, and preventing displacement; *and*

WHEREAS, Immigrant communities help shape Boston's rich and diverse culture, and these heritages, backgrounds, histories, and intersecting identities deserve to be honored and uplifted during both Immigrant Heritage Month and year-round. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the month of June 2025 as "Immigrant Heritage Month" in the City of Boston, in appreciation of the contributions to our City made by all immigrant communities in Boston, and honors the valued presence of immigrants as our community members and neighbors; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council commits itself — and encourages all government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools — to take meaningful actions to support and affirm the equitable rights, freedoms, dignity, treatment, health, and safety of Boston's immigrant communities, and to meaningfully honor and uplift immigrants with intersecting identities.

Filed in Council: May 20, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS EDWARD M. FLYNN AND ERIN MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MEMORIAL DAY AND HONORING OUR GOLD STAR FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS: Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May to honor those that made the supreme sacrifice while serving in the U.S. military; *and*

WHEREAS: After the Civil War, Major General John A. Logan, the head of a Union veteran organization established Decoration Day on May 30th as a time for people to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers; *and*

WHEREAS: By the late 1860s, many different localities around the country were holding their own springtime tributes to fallen soldiers and the war dead, and decorating their graves with flowers. The first large observance of Decoration Day was held in 1868 at the Arlington National Cemetery; *and*

WHEREAS: Decoration Day continued to be observed on the local level, and in 1968, U.S. Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May, and the change went into effect in 1971; *and*

WHEREAS: On Memorial Day, we honor the more than 1.1 million American military personnel who made the supreme sacrifice for their country while serving in uniform, that their bravery and sacrifice shall never be forgotten; *and*

WHEREAS: We also honor our Gold Star Families, whose family members have paid the supreme sacrifice while serving in the military, and recognize the sacrifice that Gold Star Families have made for our country; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston has a number of events on Memorial Day, including the Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by William E. Carter American Legion Post 16, the first chartered African American Post in Massachusetts; *and*

WHEREAS: Other Memorial Day events include wreath laying ceremonies at the South Boston Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Medal of Honor Park), and at the Puerto Rican Veterans Memorial in the South End, and the City of Boston's Veterans Services and veteran organizations throughout the city are still safely and individually placing flags at our military cemeteries in honor of those that paid the supreme sacrifice for our country, including our Gold Star families; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council honors those who made the supreme sacrifice in service to our country, including our Gold Star Families during Memorial Day.

Filed on: May 20, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Resolution Calling for the Rescission of Elected Official Salary Increases and the Redirection of Savings to Essential City Services

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Boston City Council approved a salary increase package for elected officials, raising the Mayor's salary from \$207,000 to \$250,000 effective January 2026, after the 2025 municipal election; and

WHEREAS, that same salary increase package raised City Council salaries in stages, from \$103,500 to \$115,000 in 2024, \$120,000 in 2025, and \$125,000 in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Councilors Erin Murphy and Ed Flynn, the only two currently serving Councilors who voted against the final 2022 pay raise package, opposed these salary increases; and

WHEREAS, these salary increases are now fully in effect at a time when the City of Boston is facing difficult budgetary decisions impacting essential city services, frontline workers, and vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, proposed reductions, funding gaps, and service impacts affecting veterans' services, public education, classroom supports, services for students with disabilities, firefighter cancer screenings, first responder health and wellness, arts and culture programs, community-based grants, economic opportunity initiatives, immigrant advancement, fair housing, and nonprofit partners serving neighborhoods across Boston have raised serious concerns among residents, families, city employees, advocates, artists, cultural workers, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, residents should not be asked to accept reductions to critical services while elected officials receive salary increases; and

WHEREAS, during periods of fiscal uncertainty, elected officials have a responsibility to demonstrate shared sacrifice, fiscal discipline, and accountability to the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, rescinding the salary increases for elected officials would send a clear message that the City's priority must be preserving essential services, supporting frontline workers, protecting vulnerable residents, and investing in the people and programs that serve Boston's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, any savings associated with rescinding these salary increases should be redirected toward preserving and strengthening essential city services, frontline workers, vulnerable residents, and nonprofit and community-based partners serving neighborhoods across Boston;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Boston City Council calls for the immediate rescission, to the fullest extent permitted by law, of the salary increases for the Mayor of Boston and members of the Boston City Council approved as part of the 2022 elected official salary increase package; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Boston City Council acknowledges that additional legal, legislative, contractual, administrative, or budgetary action may be necessary to implement this

rescission and calls for the filing and passage of any ordinance, order, home rule petition, budget amendment, or other action necessary to carry it out; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Boston City Council urges that any funds saved through the rescission of these salary increases be redirected toward preserving essential city services and programs that directly support Boston residents, frontline workers, and vulnerable communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Boston, the Boston Finance Commission, the City of Boston Human Resources Department, the Office of Budget Management, and all relevant municipal departments.

Filed in Council: May 20, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON DEBATE LEAGUE

WHEREAS, Since 2005, the Boston Debate League has empowered thousands of students across the Greater Boston area through the transformative power of debate, preparing young people for college, career, and civic life; *and*

WHEREAS, Through its After-School Debate, Debate-Inspired Classrooms, and Resolved programs, the organization equips students with critical thinking, research, communication, and leadership skills essential for success; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Debate League partners with more than 30 schools across the region, intentionally serving diverse student populations and ensuring access to inclusive, high-impact educational opportunities; *and*

WHEREAS, With nearly 500 volunteers and more than 3,000 students served annually, the organization continues to foster civil discourse, civic engagement, and the next generation of leaders; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Boston Debate League and commends the organization for its outstanding contributions to the students and communities of Greater Boston.

Filed on: May 20, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 3% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) AND INCREASING THE COLA BASE FOR RETIREES IN THE BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Retirees in the Boston Retirement System dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Boston and improving the quality of life in our city; *and*

WHEREAS, Our retirees deserve a retirement package that provides a fair and dignified standard of living after years of public service. Retirees have not received an increase to their Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) base since 2021 and currently receive an annual COLA increase of only \$450, which has failed to keep pace with rising living expenses; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has a high cost of living, which is 48% greater than the national average. Grocery prices are approximately 29% higher than in the rest of the country, with housing expenses 127% greater, and utility prices 24%, respectively; *and*

WHEREAS, It is therefore critical to raise the COLA base for our retirees, so that they can continue to afford to live in the city that they served and helped build. City retirees deserve an increase in their COLA base in recognition of their years of service to the city and the significant rise in the cost of living across the city and state; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council supports an annual 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment and an increase in the COLA base from \$15,000 to \$18,000 for retirees in the Boston Retirement System.

Filed on: May 20, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION URGING THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL TO FULFILL ITS FISCAL DUTY BY PURSUING THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCESS

WHEREAS, Mayor Wu has submitted a proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget in accordance with the City Charter, reflecting the City's priorities for public safety, education, housing, and the delivery of essential municipal services; *and*

WHEREAS, In November 2021, Boston voters approved Question 1 amending the City Charter to grant the Boston City Council the authority to amend the Mayor's proposed annual budget; *and*

WHEREAS, The approval of this ballot question was a historic expansion of the Council's legislative power reflecting the public's expectation that the Council would exercise that authority actively and responsibly; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council processes this voter-granted authority to amend the Mayor's proposed budget, providing a meaningful and structured mechanism for Councilors to shape fiscal policy, reallocate resources, and advance the priorities of their constituents; *and*

WHEREAS, The amendment process represents the appropriate and intended vehicle for the Council to exercise its legislative prerogative over the City's finances, and that process remains fully available and open to all councilors; *and*

WHEREAS, A wholesale rejection of the Mayor's proposed budget would constitute an abdication of the Council's duty to exercise its amendment power at a moment when the residents of Boston deserve deliberate and responsible fiscal leadership; *and*

WHEREAS, Rejecting the budget with the stated intent to request inflated revenue numbers to allow for increased spending is financially irresponsible, as balanced budgets require identifying new sources of revenue to fund new expenditures or making difficult choices to reduce some line items in order to increase others; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston currently maintains the highest possible bond ratings from major credit rating agencies, ratings that reflect years of disciplined fiscal management, structural budget balance, and institutional credibility with the financial markets; *and*

WHEREAS, Prolonged budget uncertainty, government dysfunction, or failure to adopt a budget in a timely manner risks signaling fiscal instability, with direct and lasting

consequences for the City's borrowing costs and its capacity to invest in infrastructure and capital projects; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council reaffirms its commitment to fulfilling its fiscal responsibilities through the amendment process afforded by the City Charter and that we urge all Councilors to engage constructively in the amendment process to advance their policy priorities and represent their constituents; *and be it further*

RESOLVED: That the rejection of a duly submitted mayoral budget, without exhausting the amendment process, would represent a failure of legislative duty inconsistent with the Council's obligations to the people of Boston and to the long-term fiscal health of the City.

Filed On: May 18, 2026

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2026

Councilor Breadon
(Councilor Louijeune)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday May 23, 2026 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, May 29, 2026.

BiWeekly Payroll

Kilee Simon	Secretary	\$5,000	Full-Time
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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2026

Councilor Breadon
(Councilor Culpepper)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday May 23, 2026 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, May 29, 2026.

BiWeekly Payroll

Kristen Ransom	Secretary	\$5,500	Part-Time
Dylan Ferguson	Secretary	\$500	Part -Time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2026

Councilor Breadon
(Councilor Culpepper)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday May 23, 2026 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, June 12, 2026.

BiWeekly Payroll

Alexa Santana	Secretary	\$1,000	Part-Time
Ayanna Hines	Secretary	\$1,600	Part -Time

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2026

Councilor Breadon
(Councilor Culpepper)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday May 30, 2026 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, June 12, 2026.

BiWeekly Payroll

Jaden Smith	Secretary	\$1,800	Part-Time
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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2026

Councilor Breadon
(Councilor Flynn)

ORDERED: That effective Saturday May 30, 2026 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, June 12, 2026.

BiWeekly Payroll

Megan Lovett	Secretary	\$2,615.40	Full-Time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the May 20, 2026 Session

Sixty Day Orders¹

In effect after June 10, 2026, in accordance with Section 15 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982 (as amended)

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

In effect after June 7, 2026

Orders for capital fund transfer appropriations. **(Dockets #0736-0737)**

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

Message and order approving an order appropriating One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and Parks in existence as of January 12, 1887.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026. **(Docket #0756)**

Message and order approving an appropriation of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) from the 21st Century Fund, also known as the Public, Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund. Pursuant to Section 53F 3/4 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, the funds may be used to support PEG access services, to monitor compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and for preparation of renewal of the franchise license.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026. **(Docket #0757)**

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

Section 15 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982 (as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986) *The city council shall take definite action on any supplementary appropriation order and any order for a transfer of appropriations by adopting, reducing or rejecting it within sixty days after it is filed with the city clerk; and in the event of their failure to do so, such supplementary appropriation order or transfer as submitted by the mayor shall be in effect as if formally adopted by the city council.*

Assigned for Further Action

On the Table

Order to adopt Rules for the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027. (**Docket #0157 - Amendment to Rule 35**)

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F: regarding elevator access, life safety, and disability compliance. **(Docket #0221)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding increased White Stadium costs and their effect on other Boston Public Schools capital projects. **(Docket #0433)**

Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding Memoranda of Understanding, cooperation agreements or collaborative partnerships between the City of Boston and external entities. **(Docket #0434)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the City of Boston's efforts to address drink spiking and drug-facilitated sexual assault in nightlife establishments, including safety training programs, prevention initiatives, communications with licensed venues, and the status of records maintained by the City regarding these efforts. **(Docket #0595)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to BPS student-athlete school transfer policies. **(Docket #0698)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the release of certain body-worn camera footage from the Boston Police Department. **(Docket #0815)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to mopeds and e-bikes in Boston. **(Docket #0816)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding all grant programs, contacts, and funding provided to nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and external partners in Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027, including all reductions, eliminations, and changes in funding. **(Docket #0873)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the City of Boston's efforts to address drink spiking and drug-facilitated sexual assault in nightlife establishments, including safety training programs, prevention initiatives, communications with licensed venues, and records maintained by the City related to these efforts. **(Docket #0874)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding employment contracts for various Commissioners in the City of Boston. **(Docket #1002)**

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding Article 80 large project review and small project review denials at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) due to parking relief. **(Docket #1003)**

²*Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):*

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through ahead of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor

³*Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:*

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2026 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0186	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on equitable contracting and business opportunities for major civic sporting events in Boston.	1/28/2026	3/20/2026	
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0210	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/28/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0212	Worrell	Flynn	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks Statue.	1/28/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0220	Worrell		Order for a hearing to bring more signature sports events to Boston.	1/28/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0339	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the Office of Arts and Culture and the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events	0412	Louijeune	Pepén, Worrell	Order for a hearing to bring World Cup activations and economic activity to Boston neighborhoods.	2/25/2026	3/20/2026	
Census, Redistricting, and Elections	0183	Louijeune	Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/28/2026		
Census, Redistricting, and Elections	0355	Louijeune		Resolution affirming Boston's Ranked Choice Voting Home Rule Petition.	2/11/2026		
Census, Redistricting, and Elections	0411	Mejia	Culpepper, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore how to amend special law to expand access to the ballot box by removing language barriers and aligning with the language and communications access ordinance.	2/25/2026		
City Services	0112	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding parking access for traveling Boston Public Schools employees.	1/5/2026	2/12/2026	
City Services	0187	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine income-adjusted parking fines and interest-free payment plans.	1/28/2026		3/19/26-hearing canceled
City Services	0209	Worrell		Order for a hearing on technical assistance and best practices for civic associations.	1/28/2026		

2026 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
City Services	0270	Pepén		Order for a hearing to explore snow removal relief and options.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4, 4/1/26-remains in committee, 3/30/26-working session
City Services	0281	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss pest control and the discovery of leptospirosis in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026	3/16/2026	3/18/26-remains in committee
City Services	0291	Worrell	Mejia, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss creation of a snow corps in Boston.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4, 4/1/26-remains in committee, 3/30/26-working session
City Services	0292	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston purchasing snow melters.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4/26-remains in committee
City Services	0335	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	2/11/2026		
City Services	0413	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss water and sewer infrastructure in Chinatown and the Leather District.	2/25/2026		
City Services	0505	Pepén	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the achievements of the Mattapan Square Task Force and other municipal support for Mattapan Square.	3/11/2026		
City Services	0506	Durkan	Coletta Zapata, Pepén	Order for a hearing on modernizing permitting systems to improve accessibility related to transportation, curbside management, construction, and development.	3/11/2026		
City Services	0512	Culpepper		Order for a hearing to examine Boston's 48-hour parking space saver policy following snow emergencies.	3/11/2026		
City Services	0515	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of addressing potholes in the City of Boston.	3/11/2026	5/8/2026	
City Services	0592	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of the FIFA World Cup fan marches on basic city services.	3/18/2026		
City Services	0636	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss city services and quality of life concerns in Copley Square.	3/25/2026		

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City Services	0773	Coletta Zapata	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the City of Boston's Curbside Food Waste Collection Program.	4/8/2026	
City Services	0777	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the role, responsibilities, and staffing levels of the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) in light of Boston's fiscal crisis.	4/8/2026	
City Services	0811	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to review animal control enforcement, leash law compliance, dog licensing, and public safety in the city of Boston.	4/15/2026	
City Services	0919	Mayor		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.	5/6/2026	
City Services	0920	Mayor		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.	5/6/2026	
City Services	0932	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss discounts for seniors and persons with disabilities by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission.	5/6/2026	

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City Services	0976	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) in the form of a grant, Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant, awarded by MA Department of Environmental Protection to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant would fund programs implemented by the City to maximize reuse, recycling, and waste reduction.	5/13/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0169	Culpepper		Order for a hearing to develop a report on the state of civil rights in Boston.	1/28/2026	3/6/26, 6/11/26	4/9/26-hearing canceled
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0191	Mejia		Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/28/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0222	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune	Resolution in support of Bill SD.3607: An Act Protecting Access to Justice.	1/28/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0293	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	2/4/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0299	Culpepper	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to confront the termination of federal protected status for Haitian immigrants and examine the City of Boston's response to protect affected residents.	2/4/2026	4/9/2026	4/7/26-hearing canceled
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0328	Louijeune	Breadon, Pepén	Order for a hearing on a scalable funding model for an immigrant Emergency Response Fund.	2/11/2026		4/7/26-hearing canceled
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0393	Santana		Order for a hearing to ensure access to lifesaving online resources for LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized communities in response to proposed federal and state digital censorship legislation.	2/25/2026		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0409	Mejia	Culpepper, Santana	Order for a hearing on civil rights, constitutional, and legal implications of the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC), The Associative Violence Information System (AVIS), Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), and participation in Federal Joint Task Forces (JTTF).	2/25/2026	6/4/2026	5/22/26-hearing canceled

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Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0631	Culpepper	Worrell, Weber	Order for a hearing to examine diversity and representation within the Boston Fire Department, including leadership positions.	3/25/2026		
Education	0113	Murphy	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public School closure and merger actions related to the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years and transparency in the Long-Term Facilities Plan.	1/5/2026		3/2/26-Hearing Canceled
Education	0166	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools student-athlete transfer and eligibility policies.	1/28/2026	3/24/2026	2/23/26-Hearing Canceled, 2/25, 3/25/26-remains in committee
Education	0176	FitzGerald		Order for a hearing to discuss increasing access to high-quality school options for Boston Public Schools students in all neighborhoods.	1/28/2026		
Education	0188	Mejia		Order for a hearing on Boston Public School facilities, public assets and White Stadium.	1/28/2026		
Education	0200	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing on BPS staffing program impacts.	1/28/2026	3/2/2026	2/23/26-Hearing Canceled, 2/25, 3/4/26-remains in committee
Education	0215	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/28/2026		
Education	0216	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.	1/28/2026		
Education	0276	Mejia	Culpepper, Santana	Order for a hearing on transparency and accountability in service provision and spending for English Learners.	2/4/2026	3/10/2026	3/11/26-remains in committee
Education	0277	Mejia	Murphy	Order for a hearing to audit Boston Public School's special education and return on investments.	2/4/2026	3/10/2026	3/11/26-remains in committee
Education	0278	Mejia	Murphy, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to audit mental health curriculum and services in Boston Public Schools.	2/4/2026		

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Education	0279	Mejia	Culpepper, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in Boston Public Schools.	2/4/2026		
Education	0280	Mejia	Isabella Zapata, Culpepper	Order for a hearing addressing the relationship between school lunches and the achievement gap.	2/4/2026		
Education	0294	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.	2/4/2026		
Education	0330	Santana	Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding MassCore graduation requirements and student supports in Boston Public Schools.	2/11/2026		
Education	0334	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on community college access and student success for Boston residents.	2/11/2026		
Education	0340	Murphy		Order for a hearing to examine student academic outcomes and return on investment in Boston Public Schools.	2/11/2026		
Education	0342	Murphy	Santana	Order for a hearing to examine graduation requirement implementation, waivers, and equity in Boston Public Schools.	2/11/2026		
Education	0374	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Emergency hearing order regarding chronic school bus delays and special education transportation failures.	2/11/2026	3/31/2026	4/1/26-remains in committee
Education	0397	Santana	Culpepper, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for inclusive learning environments for multilingual and special education learners.	2/25/2026		
Education	0406	Mejia		Order for a hearing on transparency and accountability of private fundraising in Boston Public Schools.	2/25/2026		
Education	0407	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review prevention and response to bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual misconduct in Boston Public Schools.	2/25/2026	6/16/2026	
Education	0408	Mejia	Culpepper	Order for a hearing to identify community priorities, needs, and hopes in Boston Public Schools.	2/25/2026		
Education	0417	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools (BPS) health services leadership requirements.	2/25/2026		

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Education	0478	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding recent juvenile weapon incidents and school safety coordination.	3/4/2026		
Education	0507	Weber	Breadon, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss strategies to prevent homelessness among students in the Boston Public Schools.	3/11/2026		3/26/26-hearing canceled
Education	0508	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the use and impact of high-quality instructional materials in Boston Public Schools.	3/11/2026		
Education	0509	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools' efforts to improve chronic absenteeism.	3/11/2026		
Education	0510	Santana	Worrell, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to discuss career and technical education in Boston Public Schools and its impacts on students' college and career readiness.	3/11/2026		
Education	0516	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to ensure equitable investment, fiscal accountability, and academic excellence in the Boston Pre-K program.	3/11/2026		
Education	0520	Louijeune	Pepén, Santana	Resolution commending historic graduation and dropout rate improvements in Boston Public Schools.	3/11/2026		
Education	0587	Mejia	Culpepper	Order for a hearing to review administrative transparency, equitable student representation, and student freedoms in higher education.	3/18/2026	3/23/2026	3/25/26-remains in committee
Education	0775	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing on equity in athletic funding and access across Boston Public Schools.	4/8/2026		
Education	0936	Culpepper	Mejia	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' potential participation in nationwide social media litigation.	5/6/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0165	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding the establishment and implementation of funding mechanisms for Boston's coastal protection	1/28/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0211	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of indoor playgrounds in Boston.	1/28/2026		4/1/26-hearing canceled

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0341	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the City of Boston's application to certify with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Ranking System (CRS).	2/11/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0514	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Groundwater Trust and groundwater infrastructure in the City of Boston.	3/11/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0519	Flynn		Resolution in support of a temporary rollback for the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) and Stretch Energy Codes for five years.	3/11/2026		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0635	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to examine the denial of a longstanding nonprofit event permit and the city's policies governing use of public parkland.	3/25/2026		
Government Operations	0158	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance Establishing Street Food Carts in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026		
Government Operations	0160	Mejia		Ordinance creating a municipal identification card in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026		4/24/26-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0161	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026		3/19/26-Working Session
Government Operations	0162	Mejia	Worrell	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/28/2026	3/26/2026	
Government Operations	0164	Worrell		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Various Tax Classification Definitions, Exemptions, and Credits.	1/28/2026		
Government Operations	0266	Culpepper	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Boston City Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.	2/4/2026		
Government Operations	0267	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to Codify the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026		
Government Operations	0324	Flynn		Ordinance establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		

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Government Operations	0325	Flynn		Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22, Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.	2/11/2026	4/7/2026	4/8/26-remains in committee
Government Operations	0326	Flynn		Ordinance regulating all e-bikes in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Government Operations	0387	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	An Ordinance Establishing the Boston Emergency Relief Fund.	2/25/2026		4/17/26-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0388	Coletta Zapata	Santana	An Ordinance Modernizing and Increasing Transparency at the Zoning Board of Appeal.	2/25/2026		
Government Operations	0389	Coletta Zapata	Santana	Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal.	2/25/2026		
Government Operations	0410	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine and modernize the Boston City Charter in advance of the City's 400th anniversary.	2/25/2026	4/24/2026	
Government Operations	0414	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing on the establishment of a Committee on Civility in the City of Boston.	2/25/2026		
Government Operations	0504	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Military Buy-Back for Veteran Municipal Employees.	3/11/2026		
Government Operations	0583	Mejia		Home Rule Petition for an Act Relative to Voting For All Legal Residents in the City of Boston.	3/18/2026		
Government Operations	0692	Culpepper	Louijeune, Mejia	Ordinance Establishing a Pharmacy Stabilization and Access Fund.	4/1/2026		
Government Operations	0772	Culpepper	Santana, Flynn	Ordinance Establishing a Childcare Access Fund.	4/8/2026		
Government Operations	0807	Worrell	Murphy	Ordinance to Address Private Way Potholes.	4/15/2026		
Government Operations	0808	Culpepper	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance Establishing a Minority Business Enterprise Procurement Readiness Pilot Program.	4/15/2026		
Government Operations	0864	Coletta Zapata	Weber, Santana	An Ordinance Increasing Tenant Protection During Rental Inspection Code Violations.	4/29/2026		

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Government Operations	0998	Pepén	FitzGerald	Ordinance for the use of school bus violation detection monitoring system devices.	5/13/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0172	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental market.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0184	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing on building a stronger fair housing future for Boston.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0208	Worrell		Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0217	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the homeownership voucher program.	1/28/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0271	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Ruth Barkley apartments.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0272	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Report on Boston Housing Authority.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0286	Weber		Order for a hearing on housing development costs and barriers to building affordable housing units in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026	4/2/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0295	Louijeune		Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0307	Flynn		Resolution in support of a Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Elevator Safety Commission.	2/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0343	Santana	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing mixed-income social housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	2/11/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0347	Santana	Culpepper	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing housing choice vouchers.	2/11/2026		

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Housing & Community Development	0396	Santana		Order for a hearing to facilitate the creation of Single Room Occupancy (SROs) in the City of Boston.	2/25/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0429	Flynn		Resolution in support of receiving a response to docket #0221: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F: regarding elevator access, life safety, and disability compliance.	2/25/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0432	Flynn		Resolution in support of a temporary rollback for the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and affordable housing requirement to 13%.	2/25/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0474	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to examine potential reforms to the Massachusetts State Building Code to allow for mid-rise single stair buildings.	3/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0477	Louijeune	Pepén, Santana	Order for a hearing to conduct a comprehensive review of Boston's Anti-Displacement Action Plan.	3/4/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0695	Worrell	Culpepper, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the status of the implementation of the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing.	4/1/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0792	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston, acting through its Mayor's Office of Housing, to apply for, and to accept and expend, the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in an amount not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). These funds will be used to support programs that provide services and housing to persons experiencing homelessness.	4/15/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0913	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixteen Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$16,834,742.00) in the form of a grant, the Federal FY26 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant would fund housing, economic development and social service programs. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	5/6/2026	6/12/2026	

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Housing & Community Development	0914	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars And Ninety Cents (\$4,825,132.90) in the form of a grant, the Federal FY26 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant would fund the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, and also provide operating support for community development corporations. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	5/6/2026	6/12/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0915	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Million Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Forty-Nine Dollars (\$3,859,049.00) in the form of a grant, the Federal FY26 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant would fund services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	5/6/2026	6/12/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0916	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$1,489,616.00) in the form of a grant, the Federal FY26 Emergency Solutions Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant would fund street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance and shelter services. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	5/6/2026	6/12/2026	
Housing & Community Development	0933	Culpepper	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to examine notice, community engagement, and equity in the siting of transitional housing in the City of Boston.	5/6/2026		
Housing & Community Development	0934	Culpepper	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to examine the impact of proposed federal HUD immigration-related eligibility requirements on subsidized housing in Boston.	5/6/2026		

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Human Services	0179	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss food insecurity and malnutrition in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	3/30/2026	4/1/26-remains in committee
Human Services	0182	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.	1/28/2026		
Human Services	0189	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit child care investments and the financial stability of Family Child Care Providers.	1/28/2026		
Human Services	0206	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to explore ways of using municipal buildings to host childcare centers.	1/28/2026		
Human Services	0275	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.	2/4/2026		
Human Services	0283	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding elder scamming and fraud prevention.	2/4/2026	3/9/2026	2/26/26-hearing canceled, 3/11/26-remains in committee
Human Services	0284	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding equitable access to services and programming through the Boston Public Library System.	2/4/2026	2/20/2026	
Human Services	0285	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding navigating city services for residents with complex family and caregiving needs.	2/4/2026	3/3/2026	3/4/26-remains in committee
Human Services	0287	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding senior programming and services across the city of Boston.	2/4/2026	2/26/2026	
Human Services	0289	Murphy	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding youth summer jobs, access and readiness for the upcoming summer.	2/4/2026	3/13/2026	
Human Services	0290	Worrell	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review and strengthen Boston's Summer Safety and Youth Programming Plan.	2/4/2026	4/6/2026	4/8/26-remains in committee
Human Services	0350	Culpepper	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing on the status of the South End Branch Library reopening.	2/11/2026	6/15/2026	
Human Services	0352	Santana	Breadon, Durkan	Resolution recognizing June 2026 as Pride Month.	2/11/2026		

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Human Services	0391	Santana	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	2/25/2026		
Human Services	0694	Mejia	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing on the conditions, operations, and access of Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Pools.	4/1/2026	6/29/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0168	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding reviving the "Red Shirts" program.	1/28/2026	4/9/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0171	Culpepper		Order for a hearing to explore designating economically disenfranchised areas of District 7 as empowerment zones to spur economic development and improve quality of life for residents.	1/28/2026	6/9/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0190	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0193	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0194	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0207	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0214	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0218	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of the Boston Residents Jobs Policy in improving equity and employment standards on projects throughout the city.	1/28/2026	4/13/2026	4/15/26-remains in committee
Labor and Economic Development	0219	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/28/2026		
Labor and Economic Development	0282	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss retail theft and the impacts on small businesses and residents in the City of Boston.	2/4/2026		

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Labor and Economic Development	0336	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	2/11/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0344	Santana		Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of youth jobs offered by the City of Boston.	2/11/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0762	Mayor		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.	4/8/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0774	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore pro-growth redevelopment tools for under-performing commercial properties in Boston.	4/8/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0776	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a public-private lending agency in Boston.	4/8/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0810	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing to discuss workforce pipeline opportunities between the Wentworth Institute of Technology and the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department.	4/15/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0868	Culpepper	Mejia	Order for a hearing to explore establishing a university small business technical assistance partnership in the City of Boston.	4/29/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	0935	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's implementation of Massachusetts' marijuana regulations.	5/6/2026	
Labor and Economic Development	1005	Mejia		Resolution calling for a temporary pause on vertical construction activities at White Stadium pending adjudication by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.	5/13/2026	
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0288	Durkan	Breadon, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to evaluate the progress and impact of the City's Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Program.	2/4/2026	

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0173	Durkan	Santana, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new residential development.	1/28/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0178	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss dedicating the new open space at Phillips Square to Tunney Lee Plaza	1/28/2026	4/6/2026	4/8/26-remains in committee
Planning, Development & Transportation	0199	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/28/2026	3/16/2026	3/18/26-remains in committee
Planning, Development & Transportation	0204	Weber	Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss making neighborhood streets safer following the 30-day review of streets projects in Boston.	1/28/2026	4/22/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0327	Pepén	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of safe school zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0331	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	2/11/2026	6/15/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0332	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0333	Flynn	Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and Vision Zero in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0345	Durkan	Breadon, Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to shift residential use to allowed where appropriate.	2/11/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0346	Durkan	Joletta Zapata, Louijeun	Order for a hearing to explore the inclusion of pollinator corridors as part of sustainable development.	2/11/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0349	Flynn		Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to adult entertainment.	2/11/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0394	Santana	Durkan, Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding legalizing construction of triple-deckers and other 2- to 4-unit housing in the City of Boston.	2/25/2026		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0395	Santana	Pepén, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding legalizing accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in every neighborhood in the city of Boston.	2/25/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0401	Pepén		Order for a hearing to discuss parking benefit districts.	2/25/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0402	Culpepper	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to examine reallocating funding for the Blue Hill Avenue project toward streetscape improvements and beautification and to provide a status update on project implementation.	2/25/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0471	Culpepper	Pepén, Worrell	Order for hearing to examine options to extend and fund the fare-free bus program for routes 23, 28, and 29.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0479	Culpepper	Worrell, Pepén	Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to expand the eligible location of off-site affordable housing units under the Inclusionary Development Policy.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0480	FitzGerald	Flynn	Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to retail zoning.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0481	Worrell	Culpepper, FitzGerald	Order regarding a text amendment to Article 37 of the Boston Zoning Code "Green Buildings and Net Zero Carbon" to expedite and lower costs for development processes.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0483	Culpepper	Worrell, Pepén	Resolution urging the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the City to cancel proposed center running bus lanes as part of the Blue Hill Avenue transportation plan project and reallocate funds dedicated for the center running bus lanes to fund the continuation of the fare-free bus program.	3/4/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0517	Culpepper	Worrell	Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish a neighborhood impact contribution requirement as part of the linkage program.	3/11/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0588	Durkan	Pepén, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss City of Boston transportation philosophy and status of infrastructure projects.	3/18/2026	4/22/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0589	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of state and federal funding allocated for transportation and streets projects.	3/18/2026	4/22/2026	

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0593	Flynn		Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to requiring on-site affordable housing in PLAN: Downtown.	3/18/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0594	Worrell	Culpepper, Coletta Zapat	Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish Boston Investment Zones: An Anti-Displacement Tool.	3/18/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0599	Flynn		Resolution against the approval and construction of additional roof decks in residential areas of South Boston.	3/18/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0796	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of David Sampson as an Alternate Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2030.	4/15/2026	6/5/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0797	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Robert Weintraub as a Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2029.	4/15/2026	6/5/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0798	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of David Dixon as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2028.	4/15/2026	6/5/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0799	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Kirsten Hoffman as an Alternate Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.	4/15/2026	6/5/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0800	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kirsten Hoffman as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	4/15/2026	6/5/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0809	Durkan	Santana, Breadon	Order for a Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to parking minimums for residential development.	4/15/2026	6/4/2026	
Planning, Development & Transportation	0865	Pepén		Order for a hearing to explore the use of parking structures.	4/29/2026		

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Planning, Development & Transportation	0866	Durkan	Joel Zapata, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston Planning Department's performance and 2026 Annual Report.	4/29/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0867	Flynn	Mejia, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to discuss a moratorium for artificial intelligence (AI) data centers in Boston.	4/29/2026		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0968	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston, acting through its Mayor's Office of Housing, to accept and expend payments in the amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) given to the City of Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy Fund. The City of Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) Fund was established by Executive Order in February 2000 to support the production and preservation of affordable housing in new market rate housing developments. The IDP required all developers of residential development projects with ten or more units to include affordable units in their projects as a condition of receiving relief from the Boston Zoning Code. Further, the Executive Order provided the option for developers to make contributions to the IDP Fund in lieu of providing on-site affordable units, subject to the approval of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).	5/13/2026		
Post Audit	0195	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0196	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston's use of federal and state funds.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0197	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review past expenditures through quarterly updates on the FY2026 operating budget.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0203	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss prior operating budget amendments from FY23 to FY25.	1/28/2026		
Post Audit	0205	Weber		Order for a hearing to review construction costs associated with the White Stadium project.	1/28/2026	3/16/2026	3/18/26-remains in committee
Post Audit	0337	Murphy		Order for a hearing to consider a full independent audit of Boston Public Schools' finances, operations and and program effectiveness.	2/11/2026		

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Post Audit	0511	Mejia	Culpepper, Weber	Order for a hearing to review the mid-year implementation and educational impact of the Boston Public Schools' FY27 budget.	3/11/2026		
Post Audit	0812	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's alleged noncompliance and lack of transparency in the use of federal funds.	4/15/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0175	FitzGerald	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the regulation of Kratom in the City of Boston	1/28/2026	3/9/2026	3/11/26-remains in committee
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0348	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the City of Boston.	2/11/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0392	Santana	Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	2/25/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0403	Culpepper	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to examine the status of the proposed Long Island reconstruction project and the reopening of the Long Island Treatment Center.	2/25/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0404	Culpepper	Weber, Durkan	Order for a hearing to examine weather emergency policies for unhoused individuals in the City of Boston and coordination with housing and homelessness assistance providers and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.	2/25/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0473	Culpepper	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to examine treatment-centered policy approaches to address substance use disorder, homelessness, and civil rights issues in the Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard area.	3/4/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0584	Culpepper	FitzGerald, Durkan	Order for a hearing to examine telehealth access and digital health equity in the City of Boston.	3/18/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0585	Culpepper	FitzGerald, Durkan	Order for a hearing to examine access to primary care physicians in the City of Boston.	3/18/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0693	Santana	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to accessing gender-affirming healthcare in the City of Boston.	4/1/2026		

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Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	0813	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss gambling and predatory marketing in Chinatown.	4/15/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	1000	Culpepper	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to examine how the City of Boston can strengthen support, training, and resource coordination for first responders and dispatchers responding to mental health crises.	5/13/2026		
Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery	1001	Culpepper	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to examine establishing a community-based mental health crisis response pilot.	5/13/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0100	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.	4/9/2025		2025-0847
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Coletta Zapata	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss progress and opportunities for addressing drink spiking and Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault.	1/28/2026	3/12/2026	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0174	FitzGerald		Order for a hearing to discuss 2026 large event safety resources and infrastructure.	1/28/2026	3/26/2026	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0177	Flynn	FitzGerald, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life concerns at Mass & Cass and surrounding neighborhoods.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0180	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0181	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and quality of life issues in Downtown Boston and the Boston Common.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0185	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0192	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/28/2026		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0198	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	1/28/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0329	Worrell	Flynn, Weber	Order for a hearing to review the mission, goals, objectives, and challenges at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT).	2/11/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0398	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new emergency operations center in the city of Boston.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0399	Santana	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding how the Boston Police Department collects, uses, protects, and shares information that may be requested by external entities.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0400	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	2/25/2026	3/31/2026	4/1/26-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0405	Culpepper	Mejia, Pepén	Order for a hearing to examine crossing guard staffing shortages in the City of Boston and to explore strategies for improved coordination and volunteer recruitment.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0415	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss appropriate uses of Boston 311 and 9-1-1 emergency.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0416	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the Boston 2025 crime statistics.	2/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0472	Santana	Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding occupational cancer risks for Boston firefighters, and programs the City of Boston offers or could offer for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.	3/4/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0476	Santana	Flynn, Worrell	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	3/4/2026	4/13/2026	4/15/26-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0513	Culpepper	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to examine options to improve public safety and quality of life in the Nubian Square area.	3/11/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0590	Murphy	Flynn, Culpepper	Order for a hearing to review nightlife industry safety training and the role of the Office of Nightlife Economy.	3/18/2026		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0591	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to review funding, reimbursement, and accountability for police overtime details in the City of Boston.	3/18/2026	5/19/2026	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0632	Culpepper	Santana, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to examine measures to prevent human and drug trafficking during the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Boston.	3/25/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0638	Culpepper	Worrell	Order for a hearing to examine the Boston Police Department's protocols for releasing police body camera and dashboard camera footage.	3/25/2026	4/7/26, 5/22/26	4/8/26-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0696	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Police Department staffing levels.	4/1/2026	5/19/2026	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0870	Culpepper	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to examine the circumstances surrounding in-custody deaths at the Suffolk County House of Correction and systemic factors contributing to mortality in custody.	4/29/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0999	Culpepper	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a hearing to examine firearm trafficking, gun violence hotspots, and the concentration of firearm violations in Boston police districts B-2 and B-3.	5/13/2026		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0969	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twelve Million Five Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Four Dollars (\$12,573,604.00) in the form of a grant, 2026 FIFA World Cup Grant Program, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Preparedness. The grant would fund support to the safety and security needs of our Massachusetts state and local entities directly involved with providing services for the Boston 2026 World Cup event.	5/13/2026		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0970	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seventy-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$1,073,239.34) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.	5/13/2026	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0979	Mayor		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.	5/13/2026	
Rules, Ethics & Administration	0475	Murphy		Order for a hearing to review the application and intent of rule 15.	3/4/2026	
Rules, Ethics & Administration	0778	Flynn		Order to amend Rule 46 of the Rules of the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027.	4/8/2026	
Rules, Ethics & Administration	0929	Breadon		Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council rules.	5/6/2026	
Veterans, Military Families & Military Affairs	0273	Flynn	Santana	Order for a hearing to discuss the Lung Cancer Rates among Black Veterans.	2/4/2026	
Veterans, Military Families & Military Affairs	0274	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	2/4/2026	

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Ways & Means	0201	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026	2/26, 3/5, 3/10, 3/23/26	2/12/26-Committee Meeting, 3/11, 3/25/26-remains in committee, 3/24/26-Public Testimony
Ways & Means	0202	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026	3/10/2026	2/19/26-working session, 3/2/26-Working Session, 3/4, 3/11, 3/25/26- remains in committee, 3/5/26-Policy Briefing, 3/24/26-Public Testimony,
Ways & Means	0213	Worrell		Order for a hearing to allow for monthly property tax payments for residents.	1/28/2026		
Ways & Means	0312	Flynn		Resolution in support of proposed state legislation on tax relief.	2/4/2026		
Ways & Means	0338	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss property tax relief for long-term residents and essential municipal employees.	2/11/2026		
Ways & Means	0586	Culpepper	Murphy, Worrell	Order for a hearing to review discrepancies between market value and tax assessed value for residential properties in the City of Boston and to evaluate the City's tax assessment practices.	3/18/2026	6/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0634	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding citywide spending controls, hiring constraints, and fiscal outlooks across departments.	3/25/2026		
Ways & Means	0697	Louijeune	Worrell, Weber	Order to Accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, Authorizing Annual Increases to Senior Exemption Income and Asset Limits.	4/1/2026	6/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0733	Mayor		Message and order for Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2027. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026		4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee

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Ways & Means	0734	Mayor		Message and order for Annual Appropriation for the School Department for FY2027. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0735	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund authorized under Chapter 32B, §20, as added by Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2008. The latest available OPEB actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 estimated the City's unfunded liability at \$2.68 Billion Dollars. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0736	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the City. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0737	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction of coastal resilience solutions around the City. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee

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Ways & Means	0738	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Million Seven Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$384,705,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts & Culture, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Departments. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0739	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Thirteen Million Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$13,855,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for the Boston Public Schools. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0740	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more lease, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2027 in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$28,500,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of, the foregoing.	4/8/2026	4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/26-remains in committee

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Ways & Means	0741	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to support the maintenance and repair of Boston Public Schools facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building time, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs. Receipts from Lease, Permit for Use and Parking Fees for Boston Public Schools facilities will be deposited in the fund. Boston Public Schools Facilities will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0742	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 for Boston Public Schools Transportation costs, including bus and public transportation costs. This revolving fund shall be credited with revenue received by the Boston Public Schools Department for the provision of transportation to groups and entities for field trips and activities other than transportation to and from school. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0743	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology, including computers, mobile devices and instructional software. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from equipment sales and repair fees for Boston Public Schools technology. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).	4/8/2026	

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Ways & Means	0744	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientists, wildlife biologists, or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects to the Commission, per the City's ordinance protecting local wetland and promoting climate change adaptation. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from fees imposed by the Commission for the purpose of securing outside consultants. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0745	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to facilitate the purchase of offsets of greenhouse gas emissions which shall be associated with a portion of the electricity consumed by the City annually; and to operate, maintain, monitor, and expand the City's existing solar arrays and Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from the sale of renewable and alternative energy certificates and demand response program revenues produced by combined heat and power units located at Boston Public Schools sites, and solar renewable energy certificates produced by the City's photovoltaic arrays. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0746	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Equitable Emissions Investment (BERDO) revolving fund outlined in Section 1(g) of BERDO for Fiscal Year 2027, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 44 s. 53E1/2, to incur liabilities against and spend monies from such fund consistent with the Ordinance. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP). ACPs are an approved emissions mitigation pathway that consists of payments equal to the average cost per metric ton of CO _{2e} to decarbonize buildings. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$1,500,000.	4/8/2026	

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Ways & Means	0747	Mayor		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).	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0748	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to purchase goods and services to pay for repairs to city property. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from recoveries for damages to city property caused by third parties. The Law Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0749	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center. Revenue for this fund is derived from monthly membership fees. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0750	Mayor		Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to support the Canine Unit's training programs for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies. The Special Operations Division will charge tuition and other fees to outside law enforcement agencies for training with the Canine Unit. The tuition and other fees paid by outside agencies will be used to purchase training equipment, certify instructors, update facilities and provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted. The Special Operations Division will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).	4/8/2026	

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Ways & Means	0751	Mayor		<p>Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from easements within the public way granted by the Public Improvement Commission. The Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).</p>	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0752	Mayor		<p>Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).</p>	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0753	Mayor		<p>Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to purchase goods and services to support events and programming on and around City Hall Plaza to advance tourism and promote participation in public celebrations and civic and cultural events. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from payments for the use of City Hall Plaza pursuant to CBC Chapter 11, section 7-14. The Mayor's Office of Tourism will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).</p>	4/8/2026	
Ways & Means	0754	Mayor		<p>Message and order approving an order authorizing a limit for the Transportation Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to support the operation of the bikeshare program within the City of Boston. This revolving fund shall be funded by system-generated user revenues, sponsorship revenues, and advertising revenues. The Transportation Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at \$1,400,000.</p>	4/8/2026	5/6/26-remains in committee

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Ways & Means	0756	Mayor		Message and order approving an order appropriating One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and Parks in existence as of January 12, 1887. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	5/13/26-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0757	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) from the 21st Century Fund, also known as the Public, Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund. Pursuant to Section 53F 3/4 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, the funds may be used to support PEG access services, to monitor compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and for preparation of renewal of the franchise license. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 6, 2026.	4/8/2026	4/29/26-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0930	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss immediately reinstating the \$724,000 cut from the Department of Veterans Services from the recommended FY27 Operating Budget.	5/6/2026	

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

Councilor Sharon Durkan

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council Recognizes:

Fenway Civic Association

IN CELEBRATION OF 65 YEARS

The Boston City Council recognizes the Fenway Civic Association (FCA) as it celebrates its 65th anniversary. Since its founding in 1961, the Fenway Civic Association, through the dedication and leadership of its civic-minded members and volunteers, has made the Fenway neighborhood a more vibrant and welcoming place to live. For more than six decades, FCA has helped shape the neighborhood as we know it today by informing and engaging residents in public processes, advocating for open space, transportation, and community needs, organizing neighborhood events, and fostering collaboration among public officials, businesses, institutions, and residents. Thanks to its continued commitment to civic engagement and community-building, Fenway Civic Association has cultivated a network of neighbors dedicated to the ongoing betterment of the Fenway community. The Boston City Council commends the current and former board and membership whose hard work and leadership have sustained the Fenway Civic Association over the years, and extends its gratitude to all who continue to support its mission and success for years to come.

By: Elizabeth Bredon
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Sharon Durkan

Date: May 12, 2026



City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution Presented by Councilor Benjamin Weber

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

The Neighborhood of West Roxbury

In Recognition of:

The 175th anniversary celebration.

and be it further Resolved that Boston City Councilor Benjamin Weber and the entire Boston City Council extends their best wishes for a celebration of the people, places and memories that make West Roxbury home; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Elizabeth Bresdon
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Quintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Weber

Date: _____

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CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:

Eagle Scout Matthew Ethan Bareng

In Recognition of:

Officially earning the rank of an Eagle Scout, during a ceremony at Holy Name Parish on May 31, 2026.

Be it further Resolved that Councilor Benjamin J. Weber and the Boston City Council extend their best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Elizabeth Bresdon
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Grantas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ba Wan

Date: _____

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its
Commendation and Recognition of:

Mandy Bass

Upon her retirement from Sportsmen's Tennis and Enrichment Center, and for her decades of service as Sportsmen's Senior Director of Health and Wellness Programs, where she has been integral in the work to strengthen our community response to the most prevalent health issues along the Blue Hill corridor.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

***Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:***

Ashton McKenzie

In Recognition of:

**Your Exceptional and Prolific Contribution to Sunday Morning
Worship, Where You Elevate the Spiritual Experience in the
Sanctuary through Your Mastery of Caribbean Rhythms. Your
Unwavering Dedication and Musical Excellence Have Made You a
Cornerstone of the Church's Ministry.**

***and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends
its best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a
copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.***

Musicians
Ashton McKenzie
Trevor Cassel
Lenn Jack
McKoy Stewart
Mario Benjamin
Diane Brighton

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

of City Councilors Enrique Pepén, Miniard Culpepper,
and Ed Flynn

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:

**Mothers Against Drugs Inc.
MADMOMS**

Honoring the Legacy of Ja'Maar "5ive" Johnson

In Recognition of:

**Your tremendous work empowering, championing, and supporting families
affected by substance use and related harms.**

**Your vital programming uplifts survivors' voices and provides holistic healing
during times of great sorrow.**

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for
continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City
Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of
Boston.



By: Elizabeth Breston
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guintas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature] Ed Flynn

Date: May 13, 2026

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS

Sharon Durkan & Ed Flynn

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council Recognizes:

The Emerson College UnCommon Corner

IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 2026 OPENING DAY

The Boston City Council celebrates the opening of Emerson College's UnCommon Corner for the summer 2026 season. First established in 2023, UnCommon Stage has activated a long-underserved corner of the Boston Common by featuring free daily entertainment and attracting residents and visitors alike. Located at the Boylston Street T stop, UnCommon Corner is a dynamic and inclusive public space offering free entertainment, along with food and beverages provided by El Jefe's Taqueria and Harpoon Brewery. The Boston City Council commends Emerson College for its efforts in sponsoring this creative space and programming, as well as its dedication to promoting public access to the arts, supporting the local arts economy, and bringing the community together. The Council also extends its gratitude to all of the partners and participants who will make the summer 2026 season possible.



By: Elizabeth Bresson
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guntoro
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Sharon Durkan & Edward M. Flynn

Date: May 16, 2026

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS

Sharon Durkán & Ed Flynn

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council Recognizes:

The Copley Square Farmer's Market

IN CELEBRATION OF ITS OPENING FOR THE 2026 SEASON

The Boston City Council celebrates the opening of The Copley Square Farmer's Market for the 2026 summer season. Established in 1984, The Copley Square Farmer's Market was Boston's first farmers market and has since become a beloved tradition and popular event for residents and visitors alike. Located in Copley Square, one of the City's most dynamic public spaces in the heart of the Back Bay neighborhood, the market features more than three-dozen Massachusetts farmers and food producers offering a variety of fresh produce, prepared meals, and other locally made products. Operating twice-weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays, the Farmer's Market is a vibrant community attraction that adds tremendous value to the neighborhood while also providing residents across the City access to fresh produce and quality products at a range of income levels through its partnerships with SNAP and the Healthy Incentives Program. The Boston City Council commends Mass Farmers Markets, the leadership of The Copley Square Farmer's Market, and all of its partners for their efforts to sustain this successful tradition, and celebrates its highly-anticipated opening day for the 2026 summer season.



By: Elizabeth Breen
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Hunter
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn
Sharon E. Durka

Date: May 15, 2026



Official Resolution Presented by
Councilor **MINIARD CULPEPPER**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council offers its congratulations to:

IMARI K. PARIS JEFFRIES

In Recognition of:

Your outstanding leadership and commitment to racial equity and community empowerment through Embrace Boston have made a lasting impact throughout the City of Boston and beyond.

As President and CEO of Embrace Boston, you have led transformative efforts through The Embrace monument, the Embrace Center, and community organizing initiatives that honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King while fostering healing, dialogue, and justice. Embrace Boston's work to advance racial and economic equity through public art, education, community engagement, and civic action has created meaningful opportunities for reflection, connection, and collective progress. Embrace Boston has become a powerful force for advancing equity, strengthening communities, and inspiring future generations.

And be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best wishes for your continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.