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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSPARENCY, EQUITABLE STUDENT REPRESENTATION, AND STUDENT FREEDOMS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is home to many higher education institutions that attract students from across the country and around the world seeking academic opportunity and professional advancement; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Students at higher education institutions, including Northeastern University, have raised concerns regarding the level of engagement between students and university administrators and the extent to which student perspectives are represented in institutional decision-making; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Decisions made by a university or college's Board of Trustees can have significant impacts on faculty, students, and staff, yet information about board governance practices, including meeting minutes and board membership, may not always be widely accessible to the broader campus community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Members of the campus community have also raised questions regarding institutional policies related to protections for international students, protocols related to federal immigration enforcement, and the availability of resources and information for students and the broader university community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Institutions of higher education play an important role in supporting open dialogue, civic engagement, and the exchange of ideas, including the protection of speech, expression, and peaceful demonstration within campus communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council has an interest in understanding how higher education institutions in the City are addressing issues related to

transparency, governance, and student engagement; ***NOW THEREFORE
BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review issues related to administrative transparency, student representation, and student rights at Northeastern University and other private higher education institutions in the City of Boston. Representatives from student groups, faculty, university leadership, subject matter experts, and members of the public are encouraged to participate.

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