



March 05, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher J. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 12:15 PM.

President Louijeune in the chair. Absent, Councilor Durkan.

Reverend Dr. Pamela Hailey-Gillard, Children Services of Roxbury, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the February 26, 2025 meeting.
Motion prevailed.

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- 0589** Message and order for your approval a revised home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Creation of a Branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL) within an Affordable Housing Development in the Dorchester Section of the City of Boston."
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 0590** Message and order authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000). The current conditions in the municipal bond market appears to be favorable for the City to potentially realize significant saving in debt service costs by refunding certain of its outstanding general obligation bonds.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0591** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind donation of a set of lockers, three bookshelves, and a desk, valued at \$1,800.00, donated by The Winsor School. The purpose of this donation is to enhance the facilities at the BCYF Mattahunt Community Center for the benefit of the Mattapan neighborhood.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0592** Message and order for your approval an Order accepting a Preservation Restriction on the Shirley-Eustis Outbuilding/W. Elliott Woodward Rental House, 42-44 Shirley Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02119-2726.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0593** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Senam Kumahia as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee.
The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0594** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lindsey Mac-Jones as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee.
The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.

- 0595** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0596** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Gonyeau as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0597** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ameeth Deenanath as an Alternate Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0598** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Linda Neshamkin as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0599** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Intiya Ambrogi-Isaza as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0600** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Julie Hall as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0601** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ian Urquhart as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0602** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Crystal Galvin as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0603** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Johnson as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.
- 0604** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Sally Glora as a member of the Boston Retirement Board, for a term expiring February 25, 2028.
Placed on file.
- 0605** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Dr. Elsie Taveras as Chair of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 20, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 0606** Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City on Monday March 3, 2025 at 6:10 p.m., returning Wednesday March 5, 2025 at 7:59 p.m.
Placed on file.
- 0607** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding increasing oversight on TNC rideshares.
Placed on file.

- 0608** Communication was received from Dr. Samuel DePina transmitting certain information under section 17F re: Boston Public Schools (BPS) Code of Conduct Violations, filed on Docket #0489, presented at the February 10, 2025 meeting of the Boston City Council.
Placed on file.
- 0609** Communication was received from the City Clerk regarding the 2024 - 2025 University Accountability-Statistical Report.
Placed on file.
- 0610** Communication was received from the City of Boston's Coordinated Response Team RE: an update on ongoing efforts to end congregate substance use in Boston.
Placed on file.
- 0458** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program.
Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

- 0459** On the message and order authorizing for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Boston Adult Technical Academy, Hurley K-8 School, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, Mendell Elementary School, Mary Lyon Pilot High School, Joyce Kilmer Lower School, Margarita Muñiz Academy, Orchard Gardens K-8 School, Trotter K-6 Elementary School. The Statements of Interest describe and explain the deficiencies and the priority category for which the City of Boston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: Priority 5 - Replacement, renovation or modernization of the school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 12, absent 1 (Durkan).
- 0148** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.
Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0265** Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.
Remains in the Committee on Education.
- 0254** Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.
Remains in the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

On motion of Council President Louijeune, Docket #0619 was taken out of order:

0619 Councilor Weber, Louijeune, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following: Resolution in support of immigrant's rights legislation, including the Safe Communities Act, the Immigrant Legal Defense Act, and the Dignity Not Deportations Act.

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

On motion of Councilors Weber, Louijeune and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 10, nays 2 (Flynn, Murphy).

On motion of Council President Louijeune, Docket #0622 was taken out of order:

0622 Councilor Louijeune, Mejia, Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution denouncing the rollback of temporary protected status for Haitian, Venezuelan, and other designated communities.

Councilor Worrell in the Chair.

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

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

0611 Councilor Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following: Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Gissell Melo.

Councilor Louijeune in the Chair.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 11, not present 1 (Pepén).

0612 Councilor Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following: Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Police Officers for Jonathan Telfort.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 12.

0613 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0614 Councilor Pepén, Louijeune, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy and Santana offered the following: Order for a hearing to establish the Fairmount Avenue Arts and Cultural District in Hyde Park.

Referred to the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events.

0615 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing on regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) by the City of Boston and Boston Police Department. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

- 0616 Councilor Murphy, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss and establish guidelines for the filing and adoption of Council Resolutions.
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- 0617 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding TNC Rideshare arrests.
Passed
- 0618 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution designating a Hero Square in Charlestown in recognition of Major General Joseph Warren.
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was passed.
- 0620 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution to embrace and extend heartfelt wishes to the beloved Muslim community in Boston, Massachusetts, throughout the United States and across the globe, invoking blessings upon them as they embark upon the sacred journey of Ramadan, a month revered for its rituals of prayer, fasting, charity, and deep reflection.
On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12.
- 0621 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution to support addressing the needs of the Cabo Verdean Americans in Boston.
On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12.
- 0623 Councilor Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

The Chair stated in absence of objection, five late file matters would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following items were added:

- 0636** Communication was received from Councilor Durkan regarding her absence from the March 5, 2025 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.
- 0637** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Cisnell Baez in City Council, effective March 1, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0638** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Charles Levin, Melissa Lo, Sydney Scanlan and Vanessa Woo in City Council, effective March 1, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0639 Communication was received from Boston Housing Authority Administrator Kenzie Bok regarding updates and context to an ongoing maintenance transformation at the Boston Housing Authority. Placed on file.

0640 Communication was received from City Clerk Alex Geourntas regarding Dockets #0593 - #0603 regarding appointments to the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. Placed on file.

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

0624 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Fabiola Jean-Louis.

0625 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating United In Care Services.

0626 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Keith Gloe.

0627 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Josephine Bianchi.

0628 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Melvin J. Vargas-Tineo.

0629 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Jean Esaïe Petit-Homme.

0630 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Hanso Marquis.

0631 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Renaldo Estigene.

0632 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Verwhens Lise Venoïs.

0633 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Michael Joseph O'Brien.

0634 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Papercuts' Beloved Sammy.

0635 **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Roberta Wiggins.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:39 P.M. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Jodi Schmidt, Elaine Gavin Cloherty, Adrienne Morrissey and Yvon "Tiboule" Tersilas, to meet again on Wednesday, March 12, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk