



May 06, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 12:12 P.M.

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

Bishop Julia E. Whitworth, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Murphy moved to suspend the regular order of business for limited purpose of addressing overdue Section 17F requests filed by the Council.

Recess.

The motion was withdrawn.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the April 29, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

0909 Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Nine Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$1,951,894.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society (BPDBS).

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on May 4, 2026.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

0910 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$1,951,894.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society (BPDBS). The terms of the contract are July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The major provisions of the contract include a base wage increase of 2% in July of 2025. The contract also contains an update to hazardous duty pay and amended language around sick time buyback at retirement.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

- 0911** Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Ninety-Three Dollars (\$1,366,093.00) to provide funding for the Boston Police Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detective Benevolent Society - Superior Officers Unit (BPDBS-SO).
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on May 4, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0912** Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Police Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Ninety-Three Dollars (\$1,366,093.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Police Detectives Benevolent Society - Superior Officers Unit (BPDBS - SO). The terms of the contract are July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The major provisions of the contract include a base wage increase of 2% in July of 2025. The contract also contains an update to hazardous duty pay and amended language around paid details and summer vacation schedules.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0913** 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.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0914** 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.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0915** 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.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

- 0916** 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.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 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.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 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.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0919** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston Procurement Department to enter into a contract for a period of up to 5 years for the purchase of Biodiesel, ULSD, Octane, and #2 Heating Oil. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section twelve of chapter 30B of the General Laws. A term longer than three years will enable the City to ensure that it gets the best price on purchases of Biodiesel, ULSD, Octane, and #2 Heating Oil by allowing the City to lock in lower costs for a longer period.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- 0920** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston Procurement Department to enter into a contract for a period of up to 5 years for the purchase of Harbor/Boat Fuel. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section twelve of chapter 30B of the General Laws. A term longer than three years will enable the City to ensure that it gets the best price on purchases of Harbor/Boat Fuel by allowing the City to lock in lower costs for a longer period.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.

- 0921** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Gregory Hobson as a member of the Residency Compliance Commission, for a term expiring on January 7, 2030.
Placed on file.
- 0922** 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 March 25, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 0923** 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 April 1, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 0924** 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 April 8, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 0925** 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 April 15, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 0926** Communication was received from Scott Finn, City Auditor, regarding a list of the Fiscal 2026 reallocations made by the Mayor prior to April 15, 2026, for the purpose of continuing operations.
Placed on file.
- 0927** Communication was received from Councilor Murphy regarding late files and council process.
Placed on file.
- 0928** Communication was received by the City Clerk from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of the Petition #295.25 - Memorial Hall (in effect after June 3, 2026 if not acted upon).
On motion of Councilor Durkan, the rules were suspended; the designation was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

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).

Remain in the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Remain in the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Remain in the Committee on Ways and Means.

Docket #0754, 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.

Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

Recess.

- 0929 Councilor Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council rules.
Councilor Worrell in the chair.
Referred to the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration.
- 0930 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss immediately reinstating the \$724,000 cut from the Department of Veterans Services from the recommended FY27 Operating Budget.
Councilor Breadon in the chair.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0931 Councilor Murphy, Flynn and FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution urging support for a budget amendment to fully fund the Office of Veterans' Services.
On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), present 1 (Durkan), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0932 Councilor Flynn, Worrell, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss discounts for seniors and persons with disabilities by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- 0933 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine notice, community engagement, and equity in the siting of transitional housing in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0934 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine the impact of proposed federal HUD immigration-related eligibility requirements on subsidized housing in Boston.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0935 Councilor Flynn, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's implementation of Massachusetts' marijuana regulations.
Referred to the Committee on Labor and Economic Development.
- 0936 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' potential participation in nationwide social media litigation.
Referred to the Committee on Education.

- 0937 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution calling on Boston Public Schools to join the nationwide social media litigation seeking accountability for youth mental health impacts. On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Santana), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0938 Councilor Pepén, Mejia, Louijeune, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing May as Asthma Awareness Month in the City of Boston. On motion of Councilor Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Louijeune as original co-sponsors. On motion of Councilors Pepén, Mejia, and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0939 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of recognizing May 11th as George Greenidge Day in the City of Boston. On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors. On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Mejia, and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0940 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of the establishment of a committee to maintain and attract young adults to Boston. On motion of Councilors Flynn and Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0941 Councilor Durkan, Louijeune, Pepén, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing May as National Preservation Month in the Landmarks Commission's 50th year. On motion of Councilor Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Pepén as original co-sponsors. On motion of Councilors Durkan, Louijeune, and Pepén, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0942 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Santana offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Melvin Brown in City Council, effective May 9, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0943 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Matthew Arnold in City Council, effective May 23, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

- 0944 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing MissionSAFE.
- 0945 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kayla Clouden-McGill.
- 0946 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing two winners of the Perseverance Into Excellence Award.
- 0947 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Possible Zone.
- 0948 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing forty-eight Boston firefighters as retired members of Local 718.
- 0949 Councilor Santana and Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing eighteen young people from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center.
- 0950 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of New England and the 30th Annual Greek Independence Day Parade.
- 0951 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Efthymia "Effie" Anastasiadis and the 11th Anniversary of Effie's Kitchen.
- 0952 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Darlene Williams.
- 0953 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Russell Garrett.
- 0954 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Deputy Superintendent Pam Harris.
- 0955 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of James H. Coveney Jr.
- 0956 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Scout Troop 1 of West Roxbury.
- 0957 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Friends of the Public Garden's Green & White Gala and Co-Chairs.
- 0958 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 75 Chestnut.
- 0959 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Judy Jose Roddy.
- 0960 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Allstonia and nine other winners of the 2026 Allston Village Awards.
- 0961 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Commissioner Rodney Marshall.
- 0962 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Commissioner Paul F. Burke.
- 0963 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Spelman College.

0964 Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Greenidge Family.

0965 Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, two late filed matters would be added to the Consent Agenda.

0966 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Annie "Nancy" Morahan.

0967 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Delmace Mayo.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:17 P.M. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Anne M. Galvin, Mary Sexton, James H. Coveney, Jr., Rodney Perez, Marie Edith Timothee-Dubreuil, Jean Marie Dorecant, Annie "Nancy" Morahan, Zakaria Bel Qaid, State Trooper Kevin Trainor, and Juan Carlos Melara, to meet again on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 12:00 P.M.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk