



March 11, 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, March 11, 2026 at 12:11 PM.

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

City Clerk Alex Geourntas delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the March 4, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

0500 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars And Eighty-Eight Cents (\$2,315,966.88) in the form of a grant, the FY26 State Elder Lunch Program Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 313,392 meals. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber), not present 2 (Louijeune, Worrell).

0501 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$97,000.00) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Local Consumer Aid Fund Grant, awarded by MA Attorney General to be administered by the Office of Consumer Affairs & Licensing. The grant would fund staff costs, outreach materials, and operational expenses to conduct the Consumer Affairs program. Referred to the Committee on Labor and Economic Development. Later in session, Councilor Worrell moved for reconsideration of Docket #0501.

Reconsideration prevailed.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0502 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Katherine Davis-Wheeler, as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring March 9, 2030. Placed on file.

0503 Communication from Councilor Pepén regarding stalled transportation projects. Placed on file.

- [0283](#) Order for a hearing regarding elder scamming and fraud prevention.
Remains in the Committee on Human Services.
- [0175](#) Order for a hearing to discuss the regulation of Kratom in the City of Boston.
Remains in the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- [0276](#) Order for a hearing on transparency and accountability in service provision and spending for English Learners.
Remains in the Committee on Education.
- [0277](#) Order for a hearing to audit Boston Public School's special education and return on investments.
Remains in the Committee on Education.
- [0201](#) Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY27 operating budget.
Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.
- [0202](#) Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 operating budget.
Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.
- [0504](#) **Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Military Buy-Back for Veteran Municipal Employees.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- [0505](#) **Councilor Pepén, Worrell, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the achievements of the Mattapan Square Task Force and other municipal support for Mattapan Square.
On motion of Councilor Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Worrell and Louijeune as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- [0506](#) **Councilor Durkan, Coletta Zapata, Pepén, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing on modernizing permitting systems to improve accessibility related to transportation, curbside management, construction, and development.
On motion of Councilor Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Coletta Zapata and Pepén as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- [0507](#) **Councilor Weber, Breadon, Mejia, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss strategies to prevent homelessness among students in the Boston Public Schools.
On motion of Councilor Weber, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Breadon and Mejia as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- [0508](#) **Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding the use and impact of high-quality instructional materials in Boston Public Schools.
Referred to the Committee on Education.

- 0509 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools' efforts to improve chronic absenteeism.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0510 Councilor Santana, Worrell, Culpepper, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss career and technical education in Boston Public Schools and its impacts on students' college and career readiness.
On motion of Councilor Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Worrell and Culpepper as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0511 Councilor Mejia, Culpepper, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén and Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the mid-year implementation and educational impact of the Boston Public Schools' FY27 budget.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Culpepper and Weber as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Post-Audit.
- 0512 Councilor Culpepper, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine Boston's 48-hour parking space saver policy following snow emergencies.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- 0513 Councilor Culpepper, Louijeune, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine options to improve public safety and quality of life in the Nubian Square area.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0514 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Groundwater Trust and groundwater infrastructure in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0515 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the status of addressing potholes in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- 0516 Councilor Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to ensure equitable investment, fiscal accountability, and academic excellence in the Boston Pre-K Program.
Referred to the Committee on Education.

- 0517 Councilor Culpepper, Worrell, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish a neighborhood impact contribution requirement as part of the linkage program.
Councilor Culpepper moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Murphy. Motion prevailed.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0518 Councilor Culpepper, Worrell, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of the SPARK Act to expand opportunities for minority entrepreneurship.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Worrell and Mejia as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Worrell, and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0519 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in support of a temporary rollback for the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) and Stretch Energy Codes for five years.
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0520 Councilor Louijeune, Pepén and Santana offered the following:** Resolution commending historic graduation and dropout rate improvements in Boston Public Schools.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Santana as original co-sponsors.
Objection by Councilor Mejia.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0521 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Durkan offers the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employees Holly Margulius, Lily Sweeterman and Jessie Frasier in City Council, effective March 7, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0522 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Durkan offers the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employees Holly Margulius, Lily Sweeterman and Jessie Frasier in City Council, effective March 14, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 11/26 Legislative Calendar for March 11, 2026.**
The Chair stated that in absence of objection, 1 late-filed matter would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matter was added:
- 0566 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for the appointment of central staff and City Council office staff employees in City Council, effective March 14, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- The Chair moved adoption of a Consent Agenda containing the following items:
- 0523 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing VietAID's Tet Celebration.
- 0524 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution celebrating the 21st anniversary of the Presentation School Foundation.

- 0525** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution in memory of Mary B. "Mady" (Healy) Reardon.
- 0526** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution in memory of Mary B. (McColgan) O'Toole.
- 0527** Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.
- 0528** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Carvel Curry.
- 0529** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Dr. Michele Eisan-Smith.
- 0530** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Paul Chan.
- 0531** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Que Shing Chinese Music and Opera Group.
- 0532** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chinatown Main Streets.
- 0533** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Francis H. Kelley.
- 0534** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Tet in Boston Planning Committee.
- 0535** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Boston Lunar New Year Gala Committee.
- 0536** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Hanscom Federal Credit Union.
- 0537** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Asian American Civic Association.
- 0538** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Hung Goon.
- 0539** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.
- 0540** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Chinese Merchants Association.
- 0541** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Barbara Caputo Kelly.
- 0542** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Josiah Quincy Elementary School.
- 0543** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Joseph Lee K-8 School.
- 0544** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Audrey Nagle.
- 0545** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Camryn Murphy.

- 0546** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Caitlyn Murphy.
- 0547** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jerry Galvin.
- 0548** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing David A. Casper.
- 0549** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Gee How Oak Tin Association of New England.
- 0550** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Eliot School.
- 0551** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tufts Medical Center.
- 0552** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Wang YMCA of Chinatown.
- 0553** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Pao Arts Center.
- 0554** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Benevolent Asian Jade Society of New England.
- 0555** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Families of Tom and Eddie Butler.
- 0556** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cassandra Xavier.
- 0557** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Colonel Tim Murphy.
- 0558** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Patricia Giovannello.
- 0559** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kaori Cafe.
- 0560** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chris Knox.
- 0561** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing The Rink at Tall Ship.
- 0562** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Anne Marie Titcomb.
- 0563** Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bricks and Bubbles.
- 0564** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing 15 women in honor of the Dominican Independence Day Breakfast.
- 0565** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing three individuals for their prize-winning essays upon the second annual Crispus Attucks Essay Contest.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:12 p.m. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Andre “Hollywood” Evans, Taylor Wornum, Damalai Reid, and Jim McIsaac, to meet again on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk