



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 28, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- [0257](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant, Planning / Neighborhood Development Funds, awarded by Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion. The grant would fund the launch and early implementation of the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP).
- [0258](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$71,977.82) in the form of a grant, the Department of Transitional WPP Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for individuals in need who receive cash assistance, food assistance, and housing assistance, to help transition from temporary to self-sufficiency.

[0259](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$27,674.95) in the form of a grant, the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment, with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.

[0260](#) Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Samira Ahmadi as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Review Board, for a term expiring May 23, 2026.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

[0261](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Claire Teylouni, as a Member of the Participatory Budget External Oversight Board, for a term expiring November 15, 2027.

[0262](#) Communication was received from the Mayor transmitting information received from Boston Inspectional Services Department pertaining to the 2025 Annual Rental Registration & Inspection Report pursuant to CBC 9-12.3(m).

[0263](#) Communication was received from Council President Liz Breadon to address the Open Meeting Law complaint and respond accordingly on behalf of the Boston City Council.

[0264](#) Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding the ongoing investigation into BHA Ruth Barkley elevators.

[0265](#) Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding snow removal.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

[0157](#) The Committee of the Whole, to which was referred on January 28, 2026, Docket #0157, Order to adopt Rules for the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027, submits a report recommending that this matter ought to pass in a new draft.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

[0124](#) Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Eighteen Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$18,118,488.00) to provide funding for the Fire Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Firefighters IAFF Local 718. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 26, 2026.

[0125](#) Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Fire Department for FY26 in the amount of Eighteen Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$18,118,488.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and IAFF Local 718. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contracts include a base wage increase of 2.5% to be given in July of 2024, and a base wage increase of 2% in July of each subsequent fiscal year of the contract term. The agreement also includes salary adjustments in January of 2025, starting at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service.

[0126](#) Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Three Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$1,307,901.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS). Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 26, 2026.

[0127](#) Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$1,307,901.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS). The terms of the contracts are September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract term. The contract also adds a new step in FY27 and a new degree to the education differential.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- [0266](#) **Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Boston City Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- [0267](#) **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance to Codify the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet in the City of Boston.
- [0268](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.
- [0269](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the mission, goals, objectives, and challenges at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT).
- [0270](#) **Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore snow removal relief and options.
- [0271](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.
- [0272](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Report on Boston Housing Authority.
- [0273](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the Lung Cancer Rates among Black Veterans.
- [0274](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.

- 0275** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.
- 0276** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing on transparency and accountability in service provision and spending for English Learners.
- 0277** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing to audit Boston Public School's special education and return on investments.
- 0278** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing to audit mental health curriculum and services in Boston Public Schools.
- 0279** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and outcomes of restorative justice practices in Boston Public Schools.
- 0280** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing addressing the relationship between school lunches and the achievement gap.
- 0281** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss pest control and the discovery of leptospirosis in the City of Boston.
- 0282** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss retail theft and the impacts on small businesses and residents in the City of Boston.
- 0283** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding elder scamming and fraud prevention.
- 0284** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding equitable access to services and programming through the Boston Public Library System.
- 0285** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding navigating city services for residents with complex family and caregiving needs.
- 0286** Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for a hearing on housing development costs and barriers to building affordable housing units in the City of Boston.
- 0287** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding senior programming and services across the city of Boston.

- 0288** Councilor Durkan and Breadon offered the following: Order for a hearing to evaluate the progress and impact of the City's Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Program.
- 0289** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding youth summer jobs, access and readiness for the upcoming summer.
- 0290** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to review and strengthen Boston's Summer Safety and Youth Programming Plan.
- 0291** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss creation of a snow corps in Boston.
- 0292** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston purchasing snow melters.
- 0293** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.
- 0294** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.
- 0295** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.
- 0296** Councilor Weber and Santana offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Memoranda of Understanding between the Boston Police Department and external entities.
- 0297** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order requesting information under section 17F regarding cost of out-of-district vocational placements for Boston resident students.
- 0298** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding traveling Boston Public School employees and parking access needs.
- 0299** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: 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.

- 0300** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution condemning the termination of federal protected status for Haitian immigrants and affirming the City of Boston's obligation to support and protect affected residents.
- 0301** Councilor Culpepper and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Black History Month in Boston.
- 0302** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in support of the replacement of concurrent traffic signals in the City of Boston.
- 0303** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution celebrating Lunar New Year.
- 0304** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.
- 0305** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution declaring "New England Patriots Day" in the City of Boston.
- 0306** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in support of establishing a District 7 White Stadium Task Force.
- 0307** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in support of a Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Elevator Safety Commission.
- 0308** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing National Girls and Women in Sports Day.
- 0309** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in support of the 2026 Mayor's Youth Summit and commending the work of the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement.
- 0310** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the achievements of Black Veterans.
- 0311** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing National Wear Red Day and raising awareness about women's heart health.
- 0312** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in support of proposed state legislation on tax relief.

GREEN SHEETS:

4/26 Legislative Calendar for February 4, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

0313 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Arthur M. Rose.

0314 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Patrick Walsh.

0315 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Eric Fernandez Maldonado.

0316 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Christian Elian Martinez Duran.

0317 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution in memory of Curtis.

0318 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Coach Mike Ward and 14 athletes for winning the 2025 M.I.A.A. Division 2 title as part of the Boston Co-op Cross Country team

0319 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution denouncing the termination of Temporary Protected Status for Haiti.



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

01-27-2026

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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$500,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Planning/ Neighborhood Development Funds, awarded by Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion.

The grant would fund the launch and early implementation of the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP).

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Wu".

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Planning/
Neighborhood Development Funds FUNDS, AWARDED BY Boston Redevelopment Authority.

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office of Eco Opp & Inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$500,000.00)** would fund the launch and early implementation of the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP). 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 Boston Redevelopment Authority, Planning/ Neighborhood Development Funds award not to exceed the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$500,000.00)**.

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

01-27-2026

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 SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-TWO CENTS (**\$71,977.82**) in the form of a grant, the Department of Transitional WPP grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for individuals in need who receive cash assistance, food assistance, and housing assistance, to help transition from temporary to self-sufficiency.

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 Department of Transitional WPP grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the MassHire Department of Career Services, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-TWO CENTS (**\$71,977.82**) would fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for individuals in need who receive cash assistance, food assistance, and housing assistance, to help transition from temporary to self-sufficiency. 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 MassHire Department of Career Services, the Department of Transitional WPP grant award not to exceed the amount of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-TWO CENTS (**\$71,977.82**).

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Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

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Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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Michelle Wu**

01-27-2026

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-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY-FIVE CENTS (**\$27,674.95**) in the form of a grant, the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant, awarded by United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment, with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.

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 Jobs for Veterans' State Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Labor AND MassHire Department of Career Services.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor and MassHire Department of Career Services, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY-FIVE CENTS **(\$27,674.95)** would fund enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment, with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency. 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 Labor, and MassHire Department of Career Services' the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant award not to exceed the amount of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY-FIVE CENTS **(\$27,674.95)**.

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved

I hereby certify that
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accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

January 27, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Samira Ahmadi of 45 Province Street, Unit 904, Boston, MA 02108 as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board, for a term expiring on May 23, 2026. I am appointing Samira Ahmadi pursuant to the authority vested in me by City of Boston Municipal Code Chapter 7.2.2, and subject to your confirmation.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Samira Ahmadi as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMIRA AHMADI AS A
BOARD MEMBER OF THE BUILDING EMISSIONS REDUCTION AND
DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE REVIEW BOARD.**

ORDERED: That pursuant to the City of Boston Municipal Code Chapter 7.2.2, the appointment of Samira Ahmadi of 45 Province Street, Unit 706, Boston, MA 02108, as a Member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board for a term expiring on May 23, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

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

BY 

**MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

KMLW



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

February 2, 2026

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by City of Boston Code, Chapter 5-1.11.5, I hereby reappoint **Claire Teylouni of 15 Beale Street, Apartment 5, Boston, Massachusetts 02124** to the Participatory Budget External Oversight Board effective immediately.

Claire Teylouni will serve a term expiring on November 15, 2027 or until their replacement or signation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 2, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith information received from Boston Inspectional Services Department pertaining to 2025 Annual Rental Registration & Inspection Report pursuant to CBC 9-1.3, Section M.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



January 2026

Subject: 2025 Report on CBC 9-1.3

This memo reports on statistics required under [CBC 9-1.3, Section M](#) (hereafter “Rental Ordinance”) for Calendar Year 2025. Each part below corresponds with the part of the same letter in Section M. The Inspectional Services Department (ISD) shifted this year to calendar year reporting to better align with the Rental Registration renewal period.

A. Registrations and Renewals

The rental registry “renewal season” opens on January 1st each year. Registrants have until July 1st to register or renew their rental property before being subject to fines. As of January 2025, there were 140,291 units registered and 28,000 properties. This compares to the previous year where there were 140,008 units registered and 29,021 properties as of January 2024. The BPDA “[Boston at a Glance - 2025](#)” reports that there are 190,478 renter occupied units. Based on this estimate, the registry captures approximately **74%** of all rental units. Note, not all registrations complete renewal each year, accounting for the difference between registered records and renewals.

New Units Registered <u>Calendar Year 2025</u>	Renewals of Existing Units <u>Calendar Year</u>
4,699	82,913

B. Citations

ISD's primary goal is compliance through assistance. The Department has had success in getting property owners to comply with the ordinance when issues are identified, without resorting to the use of citations and fines as a primary method of enforcement. There were 3 citations for violations of the Rental Ordinance issued in calendar year 2025.

C. Inspections

A total of 8,467 units were inspected under the Rental Ordinance in Calendar Year through a combination of inspections performed by ISD inspectors and approved third party inspectors. As some of these units, in the event of failed inspections, were inspected multiple times, a total of **13,030 inspections** were recorded. We have reported separately on the 12,842 inspections performed by ISD staff in Calendar Year 2025. The report on the following page shows total units inspected and inspections completed by ward.

Under the 5 Year Alternative Program 4,406 units were approved in 2025.

Ward	Total <u>units</u> inspected by ISD	Total <u>inspections</u> performed by ISD	Units inspected via an approved 3rd party	Total <u>units</u> inspected in CY 2025
1	258	218	2	260
2	38	170		38
3	742	1036		742
4	250	1271	24	274
5	710	1488	41	751
6	261	395	4	265
7	134	218		134
8	286	518	5	291
9	457	641	1	458
10	568	784	1	569
11	605	1141	9	614
12	452	686	5	457
13	231	386	2	233
14	610	1028	11	621
15	205	332	8	213
16	185	290	3	187
17	208	327	2	210
18	337	535	10	347
19	245	348	15	260
20	131	199		131
21	1051	1622	27	1078
22	316	434	18	334
TOTAL	8,280	12,843	188	8,468

D. Additional Information - Program Revenue

The Housing Division generated a total revenue of \$2.33 million in CY25, with registrations accounting for \$1.7 million and inspection fees accounting for \$631k.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT LIZ BREADON

WHEREAS, On Sunday, February 1, 2026, the City Council received a complaint alleging a violation of the Open Meeting Law; *and*

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law and the Attorney General's regulations the City Council is required to review the Open Meeting Law complaint and respond to the complainant within 14 business days (see G.L. c. 30A, §23 (b) and 940 CMR 29.05 (5)); *and*

WHEREAS, To comply with the Open Meeting Law and the Attorney General's regulations, attached to this order is the complaint referenced herein; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Law Department for the City of Boston address the Open Meeting Law complaint and respond accordingly on behalf of the Boston City Council.

Filed on: February 2, 2026



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Instructions for completing the Open Meeting Law Complaint Form

The Attorney General's Division of Open Government interprets and enforces the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, Sections 18-25. Below is the procedure for filing and responding to an Open Meeting Law complaint.

Instructions for filing a complaint:

- o Fill out the attached two-page form completely. Sign and date the second page. File the complaint with the public body within 30 days of the alleged violation. If the violation was not reasonably discoverable at the time it occurred, you must file the complaint within 30 days of the date the violation was reasonably discoverable. A violation that occurs during an open session of a meeting is reasonably discoverable on the date of the meeting.
- o To file the complaint:
 - o For a local or municipal public body, you must submit a copy of the complaint to the chair of the public body AND to the municipal clerk.
 - o For all other public bodies, you must submit a copy of the complaint to the chair of the public body.
 - o Complaints may be filed by mail, by email, or by hand. Please retain a copy for your records.
- o If the public body does not respond within 14 business days and does not request an extension to respond, contact the Division for further assistance.

Instructions for a public body that receives a complaint:

- o The chair must disseminate the complaint to the members of the public body.
- o The public body must meet to review the complaint within 14 business days (usually 20-22 calendar days).
- o After review, but within 14 business days, the public body must respond to the complaint in writing and must send the complainant a response and a description of any action the public body has taken to address the allegations in the complaint. At the same time, the body must send the Attorney General a copy of the complaint and a copy of the response. The public body may delegate this responsibility to an individual member of the public body, its counsel, or a staff member, but only after the public body has met to review the complaint.
- o If a public body requires more time to review the complaint and respond, it may request an extension of time for good cause by contacting the Division of Open Government.

Once the public body has responded to the complaint:

- o If you are not satisfied with the public body's response to your complaint, you may file a copy of the complaint with the Division by mail, by email, or by hand, but only once you have waited for 30 days after filing the complaint with the public body. Mail may be sent to: The Division of Open Government, Office of the Attorney General, One Ashburton Place - 20th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Emails may be sent to: openmeeting@state.ma.us.
- o When you file your complaint with the Division, please include the complaint form and all documentation relevant to the alleged violation. You may wish to attach a cover letter explaining why the public body's response does not adequately address your complaint.
- o The Division will not review complaints filed with us more than 90 days after the violation, unless we granted an extension to the public body or you can demonstrate good cause for the delay.

If you have questions concerning the Open Meeting Law complaint process, we encourage you to contact the Division of Open Government by phone at (617) 963-2540 or by email at openmeeting@state.ma.us.



OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Your Contact Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Ext. _____

Email: _____

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any): _____

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

☐ Individual ☐ Organization ☐ Media

Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

☐ City/Town ☐ County ☐ Regional/District ☐ State

Name of Public Body (including city/town, county or region, if applicable): _____

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation: _____

Date of alleged violation: _____

Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

Review, sign, and submit your complaint

I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.

Public Record. Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request. However, the Attorney General's Office will not disclose your address, phone number or email address in response to a public records request.

Publication to Website. As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to openmeeting@state.ma.us.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

*For Use By Public Body
Date Received by Public Body:*

*For Use By AGO
Date Received by AGO:*

Certain answers are cut off in non-fillable PDF versions of this complaint. They are copied below.

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation:

Many members of the Boston City Council and city administration officials and others presently unknown

Date of alleged violation:

January 2026 (multiple dates)

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Disclose the deliberations or communications regarding the Jan/5/26 Council President election. Identify the dates, locations, participants, and subject matter of any such meetings or communications, including those involving intermediaries. Request AG to complete full scope investigation/ penalties. In public meeting, vote on appropriate remedial actions. Preserve and produce relevant records (texts, emails, call logs, calendars, message apps including signal).

Commit to OML compliance. Work with the city council to develop a plan to ensure compliance with open meeting for the next city council election for presidency.



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

William Joyce, Executive Director
Massachusetts Architectural Access Board
One Federal Street, Suite 600
Boston, MA, 02110

January 30, 2026

Re: Ongoing investigation on the status of the elevators at Ruth Barkley Apartments

Dear Executive Director Joyce,

I write again today concerning the ongoing elevator failures and investigation at Ruth Barkley Apartments. The facts remain as I presented them, provided to me by residents in my previous correspondence to the Board.

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 unwanted, neglected, and forgotten. That is unacceptable. Our neighbors in public housing, particularly our seniors and people with disabilities, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

The pattern of noncompliance, the failure to follow mandated procedures, and the lack of urgency continue to endanger residents and are inconsistent with the requirements of 521 CMR. This injustice can't be ignored by the City of Boston and the Boston Housing Authority.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

January 30, 2026

Dear Mayor Wu and Chief Gove,

I'm writing today to highlight feedback from my neighbors and constituents in District 2 regarding the city's response to the significant snowstorm that occurred on Sunday, January 25th, and well into Monday, January 26th. First, I would like to thank our dedicated city employees who worked under very difficult circumstances to try and shovel our city out from nearly 20 inches of snow. They continue to work tirelessly around the clock under freezing temperatures to not only plow our streets, but also to clear city property on sidewalks, parks and handicap ramps.

At the same time, more than previous storms that we've experienced during my time at the Council, I've received dozens of calls, emails, and letters from residents and businesses asking their elected officials and public servants to find areas to improve our response. Specifically, residents and businesses emphasized that when we implement a parking ban during snow emergencies, it is critical that those routes be cleared as close as possible to the curb so that when the ban ends - residents are then able to return and park their cars along those routes (such as the entirety of East and West First Street in South Boston.) When we previously had a difficult storm in 2018, the City notified the community that additional snow removal needed to occur along some of these routes, and used snow removal equipment to allow for additional travel and parking space on L Street. Many residents have echoed calls for a similar response to the winter of 2015, when many two-way streets were turned one-way for weeks.

I've also heard from South End residents on the ability of cars to safely navigate Tremont Street, and bus stop islands filled with snow. Back Bay businesses and residents contacted me regarding the conditions of Huntington Ave, reporting an ambulance couldn't reach a building from Blagden St or Huntington Ave due to the road conditions, and was forced to come from Exeter St with a stretcher down the block.

At this time, based on the feedback I continue to receive from our seniors, persons with disabilities, young families with strollers, I'm respectfully requesting that the City of Boston pursue purchasing snow melting machines, or any other pertinent equipment. I've read reports that New York City has used melting hot tubs for nearly 20 years, with 8 currently in use, to melt 60-120 tons of snow per hour. I've also inquired with state partners at Massport on this issue. On account of the concerns I've heard on public safety, accessibility, and quality of life - I believe it is critical that we deliver these enhanced basic city services to support both our neighbors and Boston's economy as well.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER TO ADOPT CITY COUNCIL RULES

ORDERED: That the attached rules be adopted as the Rules of the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027.

Filed on: January 28, 2026

Rules of the Boston City Council
Municipal Years 2026-27
Filed January 28, 2026

General Rules

Meeting Time

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time, and except on holidays, the regular meeting of the City Council shall be on Wednesdays at twelve o'clock noon in the Christopher A. Iannella Council Chamber, One City Hall Square, 5th Floor, Boston, unless otherwise determined by the Council President. Special meetings may be called at the Council President's discretion, upon a forty-eight (48) hour notice from the time the notices are posted by the Clerk, or relayed to each Councilor's office in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Council President upon less than forty-eight (48) hours notice in the case of an emergency, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council. A roll call vote will be taken at the beginning of a meeting called on less than forty-eight (48) hours notice to affirm the two-thirds (2/3) agreement to hold the special meeting.

Quorum

Rule 2. A quorum of the Council shall consist of seven (7) members and any member may call for a roll call on the question of the presence of a quorum. If at any time, any meeting is called to order, or if during a meeting, a roll call shows less than a quorum, the Presiding Officer shall call a recess of not more than ten (10) minutes, after which time, if a quorum is not present, the meeting may be adjourned by the Presiding Officer.

Presiding Officer

Rule 3. The Council President shall serve as Presiding Officer of the Committee of the Whole and shall assume the Chair at the hour set by the previous adjournment, call the members to order after a roll call showing a quorum present, and proceed with the regular order of business. The Council President shall select a President Pro Tempore to act in his or her absence and serve as Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole. In the event of the absence of both the Council President and the President Pro Tempore, the senior member by age shall preside. The term of the Council President shall be two (2) years, co-terminus with the term of the City Council, except that by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council, the

Council may declare the role vacant and conduct a new election for Council President. A member, after serving a term as Council President, may again serve as Council President after two (2) years have passed.

Appealing a Decision of the Chair

Rule 4. The Presiding Officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, and assignment of matters to Committee, subject to an appeal of the decision of the Chair, but no appeal shall be considered unless properly seconded. No other business except a motion to adjourn or to lie on the table shall be in order until the question on appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows:

"Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

The vote shall be by a roll call vote, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the Council is to the contrary.

Matters Properly Before Council

Rule 5. Any motion, order, or resolution which conflicts with the City Charter, federal or state constitution, or with rules prescribed by existing city ordinance, federal law, or state law, or which in the opinion of the Presiding Officer does not have a direct bearing on the business of the Council, is duplicative of a matter already in Committee, or was previously acted upon in the current municipal year may be placed on file. The decision of the Chair shall be a final disposition of the matter, subject to an appeal, but no appeal shall be considered unless properly seconded. No other business except a motion to adjourn or to lie on the table shall be in order until the question on appeal has been decided. Prior to the vote, the proponent of the motion, order, or resolution shall have three (3) minutes to explain the issue and the need for the Council to take action on the matter. Afterward, those members who share the opposite view, should they choose to, shall have the opportunity to select one of its members to speak for no more than two (2) minutes on the opposing view. A matter that has been placed on file under Rule 5 and is under appeal shall not be subject to amendment. After the debate, a vote on the matter shall be taken. The question shall be put as follows:

"Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

The vote shall be by a roll call, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the Council is to the contrary.

Recess

Rule 6. The Presiding Officer may at any time, during debate or otherwise, declare a recess for not more than twenty (20) minutes, unless the Presiding Officer declares that the Council will return to public session at a time certain. Such action shall not be subject to appeal, nor shall any motions apply thereto.

Propounding Motions

Rule 7. The Presiding Officer shall propound all motions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion shall be previous in its nature.

Deciding Questions

Rule 8. Subject to the provisions of these rules, the Presiding Officer, without debate, shall decide all questions relating to priority of business.

Dividing a Question

Rule 9. The Presiding Officer, at the request of any member, shall make a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

Doubting the Vote

Rule 10. The Presiding Officer shall declare all votes. If any member doubts a vote, the Presiding Officer shall cause the vote to be taken by a roll call.

Vacating the Chair

Rule 11. When the Presiding Officer wants to vacate the Chair, he or she shall call on the President Pro Tempore to take the Chair. In the absence of the President Pro Tempore, any member can be asked to assume the Chair. The Presiding Officer may resume the Chair at will.

Agenda

Rule 12. Any measure submitted for consideration by the Council shall be filed with the Clerk electronically with one (1) hard copy delivered to the Clerk's office by ten o'clock AM two (2) days preceding the Council meeting. The Clerk shall publish the agenda online no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Council meeting. With the exception of consent agenda items, all new Councilor-sponsored filings shall be submitted by no more than two Councilors. Other Councilors may sign on to the legislation during the scheduled Council meeting. Such

submission is a prerequisite to any item's consideration at such meeting.

Duties of the Clerk

Rule 13. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, acting as Clerk and parliamentarian of the Council, to prepare and cause to be printed for each meeting a listing of all matters submitted for consideration to the Council, including the minutes of the previous meeting, in accordance with Rule 12; such listing shall be known as the agenda, and it shall be divided into two sections, the latter of which shall be known as the consent agenda.

The agenda shall include a section on "Matters Recently Heard – For Possible Action", which shall list all matters that are in Committee and publicly noticed to be discussed before any Committee between nine o'clock AM Monday and the beginning of the meeting. Committee Chairs wanting to take action on matters included in this portion of the agenda shall present a Committee Chair Report recommending action at the meeting. The Committee Report will be entered into the record of the meeting. The agenda shall include a list of all pending Council matters, such listing being also known as the "Green Sheets." The Green Sheets shall include a list of all thirty (30) and sixty (60) day orders, matters assigned for further action, matters on the table, unanswered 17F orders, home rule petitions not responded to by the Mayor, and a listing of all matters currently assigned to Committees.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to post the agenda and the full documents corresponding to the specific docket numbers listed on the agenda on the City's web page no later than two (2) business days (forty-eight (48) hours) preceding the scheduled meeting. If the Clerk's Office decides to post only a portion of an agenda item due to length, they must make a note on the attachment that the attachment is incomplete, and direct viewers to contact their office for the full document. Revised or amended dockets and late file matters shall be posted with the meeting minutes within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

Corrections as to Form

Rule 14. The Clerk, with the assistance of Corporation Counsel, if necessary, may make changes to correct the form of legislation once passed, provided however that its substance is not affected.

Items of the Same Matter

Rule 15. For the purpose of preventing duplicative debate in meetings or in committee, in the event that an ordinance, order, resolution, petition, authorization, agreement, or motion that is duplicative of or is substantively similar to a matter already in Committee or previously acted

upon in the current municipal year, is filed with the Clerk for consideration by the Council, the Clerk shall cause to have entered on the agenda only that matter which was first filed during the current municipal year. The name of the Sponsor(s) to the similar matter may be added as a sponsoring member to the first filed matter that is placed on the agenda if the filings were submitted for the same meeting. Such action, however, shall not preclude any member from offering an amendment to such matter. This rule shall not preclude filings whose content is on a different subtopic, or a subtopic not specified or that should not have reasonably been expected to be covered by a previous filing, or filings on topics for which content has evolved since the previous filing, so long as a hearing or debate on the new filing would not result in the same hearing or same debate that would otherwise be had under the previous filing.

Removal from the Consent Agenda

Rule 16. Resolutions of condolences and congratulations filed in accordance with Rule 37 shall be listed upon the consent agenda. Any member of the Council may object to the Clerk upon such a filing. The matter being objected to shall be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the agenda of the regular Council business. No such resolution shall bear the name of any Councilor not indicating consent to sponsorship.

All matters contained on the consent agenda shall be read as one and the question of adoption and passage of all said matters shall be by a single motion. The question shall be put as follows:

"The question now comes on approval of the various matters contained within the consent agenda."

Order of Business and Debate

Rule 17. At every regular meeting of the Council, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Council Accolades (See Rule 37).
2. Approval of the previous meeting minutes.
3. Communications from the Mayor.
4. Petitions, memorials, and remonstrances.
5. Reports of public officers and others.

6. Reports of Committees.
7. Matters recently heard - for possible action.
8. Motions, orders, and resolutions.
9. Personnel orders.
10. Pending Council matters (“Green Sheets”).
11. Consent agenda.
12. Remembrances (see Rule 37).

Motions and Orders

Rule 18. When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be entertained and shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To move the previous question.
4. To close debate at a specified time.
5. To postpone to a day certain.
6. To commit.
7. To amend.
8. To postpone indefinitely.

The motion to adjourn, the motion to lie on the table, the motion to take from the table, and the motion for the previous question shall be decided without debate.

Strike and Insert

Rule 19. A motion to strike and insert shall be treated as indivisible; however, the failure of a motion to strike shall not prevent the introduction of a motion to amend or a motion to strike and insert.

Any motion(s) to amend must be presented in writing and copies given to Central Staff to distribute to all members of the Council present. No motion to amend shall be debated prior to receipt of the amendment by all members.

Three copies shall be given to the Clerk.

Adjourn

Rule 20. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time except during or on an immediate repetition of or pending a verification of a vote.

Remanding Matters to the Mayor

Rule 21. Any measure submitted by the Mayor for action by the Council shall be rejected without prejudice, unless when it is filed with the Clerk, it bears the certificate of the Corporation Counsel that, if adopted or passed in the form submitted by the Mayor, it will be in accordance with the law.

The Council, at the discretion of the Council President, may remand a response from the mayor to a Section 17F request, if in the determination of the Council President the response does not comply with the request. A subsequent response shall be due within seven (7) days.

Withdrawal of Motions

Rule 22. After the Presiding Officer has put a motion on the floor, the Presiding Officer may withdraw it on the request of the Sponsor, providing no objection.

Committee Assignment and Action

Rule 23. When any measure submitted for consideration relates to a subject that may properly be examined and reported upon by a Council Committee, such filing, upon presentation, shall be referred to such Committee by the Council President in consultation with the Clerk. Any member offering a filing referred to a Committee may request that the Chair of the Committee set, within thirty (30) days, a mutually agreeable date for a hearing. No hearing may be scheduled or conducted without the consent and the presence of the Chair or his or her designee. In order, designees shall be Vice Chair, Lead Sponsor (if voting member of the

Committee), voting member of the Committee, Lead Sponsor, and so forth.

Calling of Matters in Committee

Rule 24. Within sixty (60) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it shall not be voted upon without the consent of the Committee Chair.

Sixty (60) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it may be called by nine (9) members of the Council.

Ninety (90) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it may be called by seven (7) members of the Council.

One hundred twenty (120) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it may be called by five (5) members of the Council.

As a part of the Council meeting agenda, Committee Chairs may issue formal reports on dockets referred to his or her Committee. When the meeting moves to the docket(s) that are the subject of the Committee Chair Report, the Clerk will read the docket(s) and the Presiding Officer will state:

“Absent objection, the report of the Committee Chair is accepted and the docket(s) is (are) properly before the body.”

If there is an objection, the Clerk will conduct a roll call vote of the Committee members to ascertain that a majority of the Committee members support the call of the Committee Chair to remove the docket from Committee for discussion and action by the full Council.

The Chair of a Committee may call a docket out of his or her Committee at any time and ask that a vote be taken on a matter (“calling from the Green Sheets”), provided that when such a call is made and before the discussion of the item, the Presiding Officer will state:

“Absent objection, the motion of the Committee Chair is accepted and the docket(s) is (are) properly before the body.”

If there is an objection, the Clerk will conduct a roll call vote of the Committee members to ascertain that a majority of the Committee members support the call of the Committee Chair to remove the docket from Committee for discussion and action by the full Council.

Matters Placed on File at Year End

Rule 25. The Clerk shall place on file any Council-sponsored matter remaining in Committee at the conclusion of the last meeting of the calendar year, including matters introduced and not voted upon at the last meeting of the calendar year. Sixty (60) day orders and mayoral filings shall be exempt from this rule. Items awaiting mayoral action, including unanswered 17F orders and Home Rule Petitions, that are more than two weeks old at the end of the municipal year will be removed from the Green Sheets.

Legislative Form

Rule 26. In all legislation the form of expression shall be "Ordered" for everything by way of command, and the form shall be "Resolved" for everything expressing opinions or principles.

Summons of Members

Rule 27. Upon request for a roll call vote, the Presiding Officer may hold open the calling for a period of no longer than five (5) minutes during which time the City Messenger shall summon all members who are absent from the Iannella Council Chamber. The Clerk shall call the names of the members in alphabetical order without interruption. Each member shall respond to his or her name when called by the Clerk. No member shall be recorded after the name of the next member has been called in the prescribed manner, except by unanimous consent of all members present.

Voting

Rule 28. Every member present when a question is put, unless he or she is excluded by interest, shall vote in the affirmative or negative or shall respond, "present". Unless otherwise provided, seven (7) members of the Council shall constitute a majority vote at a meeting of the Council. For a hearing of the Council, a majority of members present and voting shall constitute a majority.

Absence of Sponsoring Member

Rule 29. In the event that the lead sponsoring member of any measure first submitted for consideration, except communications and the contents of the consent agenda, is not present when the Clerk reads the matter, the Clerk shall withdraw the matter from consideration at that meeting. The Clerk will automatically re-file the document as a part of the regular agenda for the next Council meeting.

Reconsideration

Rule 30. Once a vote has been taken, any member may only move reconsideration of the vote at the same meeting. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five (5) minutes. On a vote upon any subsidiary or incidental question, debate shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, and no member shall occupy more than two (2) minutes.

Limits on Reconsideration

Rule 31. When a motion to reconsider has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon the following motions:

1. To adjourn.
2. The previous question.
3. To lay on the table.
4. To take from the table.
5. To close debate at a specified time.

A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table or postponed indefinitely, and the effect of such action in either case shall be to defeat the motion to reconsider.

Two-Thirds Majority Required and Second Readings

Rule 32. All orders releasing rights, easements, or restrictions on land, all orders for the sale of land, all appropriations for the purchase of land, and all loans voted by the Council shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council, and shall be passed only after two (2) separate readings and by two (2) separate votes, the second of said readings and votes to be had not less than fourteen (14) days after the first, except in cases in which a shorter period is authorized by law. Any order rescinding an order for any of the foregoing purposes shall require the same number of readings and votes as was required for the passage of the original order. All matters failing to receive a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote on the first vote shall be deemed to have been rejected without prejudice and removed from further consideration, unless reconsideration of the initial vote prevails.

Adoption of Matters on Day Introduced

Rule 33. No measure submitted for consideration may be adopted at the meeting at which it is submitted. This rule may only be suspended with unanimous consent. This rule applies only to matters not previously filed for Council consideration and assigned to Committee, and any related amendments or substitutions, and does not apply to reports of Committee Chairs, personnel orders, or items on the consent agenda.

Committees

Forty-Eight Hour Notice Required

Rule 34. No meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing of any Committee shall be called upon less than forty-eight (48) hours notice (exclusive of legal holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays), unless otherwise allowed by the Council President in accord with the limitations of the state's Open Meeting Law, from the time Central Staff shall have electronically transmitted the notices and invitation letters or dispatched them by special messenger; provided that meetings of the Committee of the Whole may be held for a specific purpose at the call of the Council President, at the completion of Council business and prior to final adjournment of any meeting of the Council without such notice.

Only a Committee Chair may schedule a meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing or reserve time on the Council's calendar for a meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing to be scheduled. Notice of all scheduled meetings, policy briefings, working sessions and hearings shall be posted by the Clerk indicating the date, time and place in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. In addition, the notice shall include the docket(s) or subject(s) to be discussed. Electronic notice shall be delivered to each Councilor and other interested parties by Central Staff. The Chair and members of any Committee shall speak and question witnesses for not more than ten (10) minutes at a time. The conduct of members of the public at Council meetings, and Committee meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, and hearings, including those present to testify, shall be governed by Rules 41, 42 and 43 and shall be enforced by the Central Staff assigned to the meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing.

In the event a hearing is expected to last three or more hours, the Chair shall allow members of the public, in the order in which they sign up, to offer testimony at the beginning, middle, and end of the hearing. It shall be at the discretion of the Chair to determine the appropriate time and how many individuals shall testify at the beginning and during the hearing with the remaining individuals being allowed to testify at the end of the hearing.

No Committee, unless authorized by an order of the Council, shall incur any expense,

including, but not limited to, advertising and stenographic costs. Committee Chairs requesting interpreter services will work with the Staff Director, recognizing there are budgetary limitations, to arrange for such services at the time the meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing is scheduled. No Committee meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing, except the Committee of the Whole, the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Administration, and the Committee on Ways and Means, shall be conducted on the day of any regular meeting of the Council. No Committee, except the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration, shall be allowed to schedule or conduct a meeting on the same day and time as a previously scheduled meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing of another Committee.

No Committee will hold any meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing after the last regular Council meeting of the municipal year.

Committee Action

Rule 35. Each item listed on the weekly agenda that is to be reported out of Committee must be accompanied by a report. The Committee Chair shall draft the report with the assistance of Central Staff Committee Liaisons. Committee Liaisons will be responsible for keeping minutes of Committee meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, and hearings in accordance with Open Meeting and Public Records requirements. Minutes shall include the following information: name of the Committee, title of the event (meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing), date, time of the call of the event, start time, end time, location, subject, Committee members present, a summary of the discussion held, any decisions made, next steps to be taken, votes taken, a list of all correspondence, documents, or exhibits presented at the event, and items requested by Councilors. The minutes are to be prepared by the Committee Liaison and presented to the Chair for review and signature and filed within a reasonable timeframe of the conclusion of the meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing, but in no case later than the Committee's next meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing, on the relevant topic, except if a more suitable timeframe is determined by the Council President or Staff Director. Reports of the Committee Chair must contain the following information: docket number, title, date referred, Sponsor(s), date(s) of meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing (where applicable), a discussion of the provisions of the legislation, summary of information received at the meeting, policy briefing, working session, or hearing, and in the case of amended or substituted language, a discussion of the changes and the impacts on the original legislation, and the rationale for the recommended action.

The Committee Chair may issue an interim report to provide to the Council information received regarding the topic or the status of a docket. This interim Committee Report does not

recommend a final disposition of the docket, and will not dispose of the docket. The interim report will be filed in the same manner as all other documents. It will be filed as part of the Reports of Committee portion of the agenda, and will be placed on file. The docket remains in the assigned Committee until final disposition.

Committee Meetings, Policy Briefings, Working Sessions, and Hearings

Rule 35A. Committee Chairs or a quorum of Committee members may schedule a meeting for the purpose of discussing ideas related to Committee work, particular dockets, or other topics within the subject matter of that Committee. While members of the public may attend Committee meetings, there is no public comment period.

Committee policy briefings refer to less formal sessions in which a Committee Chair invites representatives from the Administration, experts and others from the public to participate in an open discussion about a particular policy issue. While there is no formal public comment period, members of the public are encouraged to attend policy briefings.

Committee Chairs may schedule working sessions for the purpose of revising or writing legislation in Committee, or reviewing a proposed Committee Report. The Committee Chair may schedule a working session under the requirements of the Open Meeting Law and process established in Rule 34. More than one working session may be held on the same legislation and working sessions may be scheduled to review more than one piece of legislation at the same time. Subject to the will of the Chair, working sessions may be scheduled to occur at times separate from the hearings, or directly afterward. While members of the public may attend working sessions, there is no public comment period. Participation and draft materials at working sessions shall be limited to Councilors and Chair invitees.

Committee hearings refer to formal sessions of a Committee at which representatives from the Administration, experts, or others from the public are invited to discuss and answer questions regarding a particular docket or subject matter as articulated in the hearing order assigned to that Committee. A public comment period is required and subject to Rule 34.

Committee Appointment, Structure, and Role

Rule 36. All Councilors shall be considered as members of each standing Committee. The Council President shall name those members of each Committee who are authorized to vote on matters in the Committee, including its Chair and Vice-Chair, who, with consent of the Chair, may preside in his or her absence. Communication shall be filed with the Clerk detailing the named Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and members who are assigned and authorized to vote on matters in each Committee. All other members of each Committee are not authorized to vote on such

matters in the Committee. A quorum of the Committee shall be determined on the basis of voting members only.

The role of each Committee shall be to provide a forum for in-depth review and analysis of all matters that come before city departments, boards, and agencies, and to provide a means for residents to address their concerns with regard to services provided by the City. Committees are charged with reviewing all matters within their purview through the lens of government accountability, transparency, and accessibility.

Committees shall additionally focus upon: (1) public policy, (2) efficiency of service delivery, (3) equity with respect to that service delivery, (4) equity with respect to outcome and impact in order to address disparities, and (5) cost containment, it being the goal of the city government to provide appropriate services while ensuring that public monies, which derive from our citizenry, are appropriated wisely and cautiously.

Committees of the Council

There shall be the following Committees:

Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events, which shall concern itself with the encouragement of arts, culture, and the creative economy, including cultural development, humanities, performing arts, visual arts, film and filmmaking, music, public art, museums, arts education, arts organizations, tourism, entertainment, the support and funding of art and cultural amenities, opportunities to display and/or present works, and special events. The Committee shall also concern itself with fostering the creative environment and reputation of the city, including support for public art, arts events, and festivals, development of programs to empower arts organizations and arts supporters, retaining creative talent and ideas, and other actions to make the city a cultural and creative hub. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston Art Commission, Boston Cultural Council, all Cultural Districts, the Office of Arts and Culture, the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, and all agencies, departments, and programs related to arts, culture, tourism, and special events.

Committee on Census, Redistricting, and Elections, which shall concern itself with matters relating to the decennial United States Census as it affects representation, resources, and planning within the City of Boston, including efforts to support a complete and accurate count and the use of census data for municipal purposes; with the review and redrawing of City Council district boundaries following the release of census data in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local law, including providing a public forum for community input throughout the redistricting process; and with matters relating to municipal elections, including voter registration, ballot access, election administration, and policies affecting participation in

local elections. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the City Clerk, the Election Department, and any other departments, offices, or agencies whose functions relate to the responsibilities of this Committee.

Committee on City Services, which shall concern itself with the delivery of municipal services to the city's residents and neighborhoods in order to promote improved and accessible service delivery to all residents, including the activities of and provision of services to residents by communication, energy, and water service providers.

The Committee shall concern itself with the infrastructure that facilitates broadband, wireless voice and data communications. The Committee shall be responsible for monitoring issues arising from utility facilities and operations, and including facility siting, in order to ensure that consumers are provided with the most reliable service, at the lowest possible cost, and that ratepayers' rights are protected under federal, state and local regulations. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to motor vehicle parking, including the residential parking program and parking meters and other matters related to parking. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Inspectional Services Department, Office of Neighborhood Services, Public Works Department operations and programming, Transportation Department operations and enforcement, the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund and the George Robert White Fund, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, the Office of Broadband and Cable, Office of the Parking Clerk, Public Improvement Commission, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and the Department of Innovation and Technology.

Committee on Civil Rights, Racial Equity, and Immigrant Advancement, which shall concern itself with all matters relating to city, state, and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. The Committee shall also concern itself with advancing opportunities, equity, and wellbeing of our immigrant communities. The Committee shall concern itself with exploring the development of programs and/or legislation to ensure that all are able to safely and fully participate in the civic life of the city and economy. The Committee shall explore opportunities for city agencies, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to work together to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of all Bostonians. The Committee shall concern itself with promoting equal and fair access to public and private services and facilities for all residents, regardless of race, color, national origin, national ancestry, language background, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age or disability. The Committee shall work to ensure that city services and resources are accessible to immigrant communities regardless of their preferred language, country of origin, and immigration status. The Committee is charged with ensuring that language and communication access is integral to city services, resources, and policies. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to the Office of Immigrant Advancement, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Office of Women's Advancement, the Office of Black Male Advancement, the

Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, Fair Housing and Equity, the Human Rights Commission, the Office of Language and Communications Access, and all matters pertaining to language access with relevant city departments and agencies, and all matters relating to the violation or protection of civil rights.

Committee on the Community Preservation Act, which shall concern itself with nominating members to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for consideration by the Boston City Council, including developing an open and transparent application process for interested candidates; providing a public forum to review and discuss the activities of the CPC; serving as liaison between the Boston City Council, CPC members, and the Director of the CPC, and providing additional input and transparency for the allocation of Community Preservation Act funds by the Community Preservation Committee.

Committee on Education, which shall concern itself with the quality of equitable educational services provided to all school-aged residents in Boston. Further, the Committee shall explore developing programs to provide assistance with academics and extracurricular activities for families. The Committee shall monitor educational policy, in particular special education, bilingual education, and technical education, with the goal of eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps for students of color, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and children living in poverty. The Committee shall work to strengthen cooperation among city and state government, private enterprise, and institutions of higher learning, to provide students with the necessary education, training, and skills for further education and future career opportunities in the new economy. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston School Department, educational based programs, and all other city programs related to education.

Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, which shall concern itself with environmental justice issues of residents, including the impact of industry on quality of life. The Committee shall concern itself with the natural resources of the city, issues of air, land, and water pollution, as well as recycling and other resource recovery efforts, issues related to waste disposal and land reclamation, and examine technologies and innovations regarding energy savings and efficiency. The Committee shall also concern itself with open space conservation, access to recreational facilities and opportunities, and the administration and oversight of the Rose Kennedy Greenway. The Committee shall have oversight of public parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities and matters generally impacting the Parks Department including but not limited to accessibility, maintenance, design and construction of new and existing public parks in the city. The Committee shall have oversight of departments within the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet and matters related to climate change, resiliency, and sea level rise, as well as trash collection, recycling, and composting operations within Public Works.

Committee on Government Operations, which shall concern itself with the organization and structure of city government, including departmental fees and charges. The Committee shall have referred to it all proposed ordinances and special laws affecting the structure, duties, concerns, and responsibilities of city departments, agencies and commissions. The Committee shall also concern itself with the review of the city's policy regarding residency for city employees. The Committee shall also concern itself with the implementation of ordinances, as well as periodic reviews of the City Code, oversight of publishing vendors undertaking such work, and review and proposal of amendments. In scheduling hearings and working sessions, the Committee will coordinate with the chair of the Committee whose jurisdiction covers the policy area discussed in the ordinance or special law.

Committee on Housing and Community Development, which shall concern itself with public policy involving the preservation, creation, and rehabilitation of housing in the city, including public housing programs. The Committee is charged with evaluation of policies and programs of the city to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing to advocate toward the goal of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all Boston residents. The Committee shall also concern itself with affirmatively furthering equal and fair access to housing for all residents. The Committee shall concern itself with housing solutions for residents experiencing homelessness and with issues relating to homeless shelters. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the housing policies and programs of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Mayor's Office of Housing, Boston Housing Authority, the Fair Housing Commission, and the Emergency Shelter Commission.

Committee on Human Services, which shall concern itself with the equitable delivery of human services and city programming for youth, families, seniors, and all residents. The Committee shall have particular focus on youth and women. This includes addressing issues, including but not limited to sexual violence, child abuse and neglect, reproductive health, LGBTQ+ health, trauma, hunger, and human trafficking. The Committee shall concern itself with issues related to youth, including but not limited to youth programming, summer jobs and job readiness initiatives, volunteerism, and youth violence prevention. The Committee shall also concern itself with early education and childcare in the City of Boston. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to Boston Centers of Youth and Families, Youth Engagement and Advancement, Youth Employment and Opportunity, and the Boston Youth Development Fund, Office of Early Childhood, Library Department, Women's Advancement, and the Age Strong Commission.

Committee on Labor and Economic Development, which shall concern itself with the economic empowerment of City neighborhoods through employment opportunities, fair working conditions, and workforce development. The Committee shall concern itself with

diversifying the City's workforce and ensuring equity in the City's procurement processes. The Committee shall concern itself with policy issues affecting Boston's workforce across all sectors. The Committee shall also concern itself with issues related to organized labor and members of public and private collective bargaining units, including, but not limited to wages and hours, standards and statistics, job creation and retention, occupational health and safety, and the development of employment opportunities and training programs, with the exception of city collective bargaining agreements as filed with the Council that fall within the purview of Ways and Means.

The Committee shall also concern itself with the creation and growth of small business, entrepreneurship, and the innovation economy. The Committee shall work to support thriving neighborhood commercial districts, including streamlining permitting and licensing, and fostering community economic development. The Committee shall further concern itself with protecting small businesses from displacement resulting from rising rents, redevelopment, and regulatory burdens. The Committee shall concern itself with reducing barriers for small business, focus on expanding access to capital for small businesses, and increasing support resources for small businesses. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy, Office of Workforce Development, Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, Main Streets Program, Consumer Affairs and Licensing, and Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion.

Committee on PILOT Agreements, Institutional and Intergovernmental Relations, which shall review the City's relationships and partnerships with institutions and government entities. The Committee will evaluate the efficacy of and compliance with the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program and agreements entered into by the City of Boston, as well as institutional master plans submitted by tax-exempt academic, medical, and cultural institutions. The Committee shall concern itself with the methodology of the program, involvement of residents in determining community benefits, and engagement of area universities and colleges and their plans relating to development, expansion, student activities, and other relevant topics. The Committee will also work with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to advocate, coordinate, and advance the City's partnerships with local, regional, and state agencies to advance the City's priorities.

Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation, which shall concern itself with the planning, physical development, and transportation access of the city, including financing, zoning, licensing, land use policy, the effects of development, and access to multimodal transportation and transit options throughout the city and its neighborhoods. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to all commercial, medical, research, educational and large scale residential development and building projects, development without displacement, as well as historic preservation programs. The Committee shall work to ensure community

participation in the planning and development process, that residents and their institutional neighbors are both able to share in the city's benefits, and that the delivery of financial services are accessible, non-discriminatory, and promote both small and large business and development throughout all neighborhoods. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the care, management, custody, and use of public lands and buildings, except parkland. The Committee shall exercise additional oversight with respect to the Boston Industrial Development Finance Authority, the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Planning Department, Mayor's Office of Housing, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, Public Facilities Commission, Property Management Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Commission, Freedom Trail Commission, and Architectural and Landmarks Commission.

The Committee shall also concern itself with the planning, infrastructure, operational, and regulatory policies of Boston's surface, air, and water transportation modes. The Committee shall concern itself with transportation matters relating to bicycles, pedestrians, and motor vehicles, with the exception of parking. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and other agencies that furnish public transportation. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to the taxi industry and other transportation network companies. The Committee shall concern itself with hackney and jitney licenses. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to operations at Logan International Airport and the Port of Boston. To further its initiatives, the Committee shall foster working relationships and collaborate with related state and local agencies. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to Boston Bikes, the Boston Transportation Department, the Transportation Capital Program planning and policies, and the Boston Public Works Department's transportation-related programs and operations.

Committee on Post-Audit, which shall concern itself with evaluating the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of city budget, operations and programs, including administrative compliance with legislative intent, and administrative regulations of departments, agencies, and programs. The Committee may review, establish goals and objectives, collect and analyze data, and report to the Council with recommendations, including possible legislative and programmatic changes based on its review and analysis. That Committee shall further concern itself with oversight and tracking of capital plans and expenditures following debt approval, general oversight over the City of Boston's distribution of state and federal COVID-19 relief funding and programs, examining municipal financial statements, bond and credit reports, internal fiscal controls, and risk management procedures, thus ensuring public funds and assets are managed responsibly and effectively. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Auditing Department and the Boston Finance Commission.

Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery, which shall concern itself with the health and well-being of residents, eliminating disparities in health care services, as well as the equitable delivery of health services. The Committee shall concern itself with all public health matters including, but not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic, HIV, and other infectious diseases. The Committee shall concern itself with the care and well-being of individuals dealing with homelessness, mental and behavioral health issues, or seeking assistance with substance use disorders and recovery. The Committee shall concern itself with issues impacting hospitals, community health centers, homeless shelters, public health nonprofits, and recovery programs. The Committee shall work to enhance the quality and quantity of available programming financed by city, state, and federal resources. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to the Boston Public Health Commission and the Office of Recovery Services.

Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, which shall concern itself with the adequate delivery of police and fire protection to all neighborhoods. The Committee shall be responsible for evaluating, encouraging, and facilitating resident-driven efforts to prevent crime. The Committee also shall concern itself with criminal justice policies including matters related to the reintegration and reentry of returning citizens. The Committee shall coordinate and work with county, state, and federal agencies and community organizations to evaluate, explore, and develop strategies, policies, and recommendations aimed at lowering the recidivism rate and incarcerated population while ensuring the public's safety. The Committee shall also be concerned with all matters related to homeland security and efforts to protect residents against terrorism in any form. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston Fire Department, Boston Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Operations Center, Suffolk County Jail, Suffolk County House of Correction, anti-crime and criminal justice reform efforts financed by state and federal government sources, and county correctional matters.

Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration, which shall concern itself with the rules and administrative functions of the Council. The Committee shall meet to discuss matters in accordance with M.G.L. c. 39, s. 23B (the state Open Meeting Law) and other issues internal to City Council operations. The Clerk, as Clerk of the Council, shall participate in Committee meetings convened to address related rules or parliamentary issues at the request of the chair.

Committee on Veterans, Military Families, and Military Affairs, which shall concern itself with the city's programs for veterans, active military personnel, and their families. The Committee shall evaluate and examine the availability of programs for veterans and active military personnel. The Committee shall evaluate the need for the implementation of new programs and services for veterans and active military personnel and their families. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to the Veterans' Services Department, and the

Veterans' Graves Division of the Parks Department.

Committee on Ways and Means, which shall exercise general oversight with respect to city revenues and expenditures and all other component units that comprise the government entity, as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Committee may report to the Council the cost of implementation of any order, ordinance, program, as well as any and all contracts for city services and collective bargaining agreements for city services, or any other initiative pending before the body, and shall make such report whenever requested by another Committee or directed to do so by the Council. The Committee shall have referred to it all matters concerning appropriations, the city budget, expenditures and loans. The Committee shall review city policies and actions involving the purchase of financial services, deposits, borrowing, and investment. The Committee shall concern itself with issues related to all city owned or leased facilities. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Assessing Department, Auditing Department, the Office of Budget Management, the Treasury Department, and the Boston Finance Commission.

Committee of the Whole, which shall concern itself with any litigation involving the Council and all other matters referred to it.

Council Accolades and Remembrances

Rule 37. The Council shall have the honor of recognizing persons, groups, and events of significant importance to the City. Any Councilor wishing to honor such individuals or groups at the start of a Council meeting shall notify the office of the Council President in writing by four o'clock PM, one (1) business day before the meeting. Councilors may honor individuals up to six (6) times per year. Two (2) accolades will be allowed per meeting and each accolade should not exceed five (5) minutes. Said notification shall include the names of the individuals or groups and the reason they are being honored. The Council President, at the request of any Councilor, shall ask the Council to recognize and acknowledge a special guest or group of guests seated in the Council gallery. Deviations are subject to the Council President's discretion.

Directly before the conclusion of a scheduled Council meeting, Councilors may request that the Council adjourn in memory of persons with importance to the City. Any Councilor wishing to do so shall notify the office of the Council President in writing by 9:00 o'clock AM the morning of the meeting. The Councilor shall provide the name, with correct spelling and pronunciation where appropriate. The Council President shall read the names of the Councilor making the request and the people to be recognized.

Conduct in City Council

Rule 38. Every member about to speak shall signal the Chair by electronic means provided and then wait until recognized by the Chair. No member shall be recognized when away from his or her desk. In speaking, members shall address other members in one of the manners as follows: by the title Councilor and the member's surname, as the Councilor from district (cite district number), the at-large Councilor from (neighborhood of residence), or as the Chair of a particular Committee, and shall confine themselves to the question, shall not use unbecoming, profane, abusive, or non-parliamentary language, and shall avoid personal or derogatory remarks to or about any member. Any member who, in debate or otherwise, indulges in personal or derogatory remarks to or about another member or makes charges reflecting upon the character of another member, shall make an apology in open session at the meeting at which the offense was committed or at the next succeeding regular meeting. If the member fails to apologize, the Council President may hold the member in contempt and suspend the member from further participation in debate and statement until an apology is made.

Order of and Time Limit on Speaking

Rule 39. No member shall speak more than once on a question when another member who has not spoken claims the floor and no member speaking shall, without consenting, be interrupted by another, except on a point of order.

A member may speak upon a matter for no more than ten (10) minutes, except as further limited by the provisions of this rule. A member who has not spoken on a matter shall have priority and recognition by the Chair whenever said member shall rise.

Dockets filed as Communications from the Mayor; Petitions, Memorials, and Remonstrances; Reports of Public Officers and Others; and Personnel Orders shall not be open for remarks and debate at the time they are introduced except at the discretion of the Council President.

Remarks by Councilors at the time a matter that is to be assigned to a Committee is introduced shall be limited to three (3) minutes for the Lead Sponsor and two (2) minutes for any additional original Co-Sponsors. The appropriate time for questioning and debate is at public hearings and working sessions. If a docket Sponsor requests suspension of Rule 33 and passage of a newly introduced docket, remarks shall be limited to three (3) minutes for the docket Sponsors and two (2) minutes for all other members.

The Clerk shall inform the Council President whenever a member has spoken longer than the allotted time under the prescribed time limits.

Conduct of Councilors - Generally

Rule 40. The Ethics Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enforces Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws -- The Conflict of Interest Law. The Conflict of Interest Law regulates and governs the conduct of all Councilors as municipal public officials. All Councilors shall review and fully comply with each of the law's provisions. The Clerk shall distribute a copy of said law at the start of each municipal year. The Council President may arrange for trainings on Conflict of Interest Laws, the Open Meeting Law, and other topics as appropriate.

Rule 40A. Pursuant to the City Charter and in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Council President may refer a matter to the Council upon his or her determination that any member has engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the Boston City Council or may be unqualified to sit on the body. A member may be unqualified by violating federal or state law, or any conditions imposed by the City's Charter, which includes violating any provisions of the three oaths of office.

The Council President shall automatically refer a matter to the Council upon a felony conviction of any member by any state or federal court.

Any action by the Council taken in response to any referral shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members of the Council and shall be in accordance with local, state and federal law.

Members of the Public on Council Floor

Rule 41. No person except a member of the Council at any time shall be permitted to occupy a seat designated for Councilors at any City Council meeting or hearing location. Central Staff shall strictly enforce this rule.

Staff on Council Floor

Rule 42. No person, except the staff of the Clerk or Central Staff, shall be allowed upon the floor of the Iannella Council Chamber, the witness podium (microphone), or the doorways of the anteroom, unless invited by the Presiding Officer. No person shall be permitted to speak, testify, or otherwise participate in any Council meeting, policy briefing, working session or hearing unless permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer. Members of the public are welcome in the gallery of the Iannella Council Chamber when the Council is in session, but no one will be admitted to the gallery after all seats are occupied. Members of the public are welcome into other Council hearing locations, but no one will be admitted unless seats or proper standing room exists in the interest of public safety. No demonstration of approval or disapproval from

members of the public will be permitted (including, but not limited to, signs, placards, banners, cheering, clapping, booing, etc.) and if such demonstrations are made, the gallery or public seating area will be cleared. This rule shall be strictly enforced. Any person, upon entering a Council meeting or hearing for the purpose of viewing or testifying grants permission to the Council to record and televise their presence and testimony.

Electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off or put in silent mode upon entering the Iannella Council Chamber or any Council hearing location, and any person violating this rule shall be asked to leave.

Members of the Press on Council Floor

Rule 43. Members of the press in attendance shall refrain from discussion within the Iannella Council Chamber with Council members during a Council meeting or Committee hearing. No member of the press shall be allowed on the Council floor without the consent of the Presiding Officer. Central Staff shall strictly enforce this rule.

Lobbying Activities

Rule 44. No person, who for compensation or reward acts to promote, oppose, or influence a matter pending before the Council, shall be admitted at any time to the Iannella Council Chamber or anterooms unless said person has registered with the Clerk as required by the Lobbyist Registration and Regulation Ordinance of the Boston City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-15. All registered Lobbyists, Lobbying Entities, and Clients who have registered with the City are available on the City's website to promote transparency in government.

Further Rules, Amendment, and Suspension

Rule 45. Unless inconsistent with any provision of these rules, the proceedings of the Council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, current edition.

Suspension of Rules

Rule 46. All portions of the Rules of the Council that require compliance with the Open Meeting Law, portions of the rules mandated by City Charter, and portions of the rules enumerating or designating the authority of the Council President shall not be suspended. Rules 12, 33, and 35 may be suspended only by unanimous consent. All other rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed at any time, except by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council. Provided, however, that Rule 12 may be suspended to introduce a matter submitted by a Councilor calling for action by the Council on the day of a meeting

only in the case of an emergency, and the filing includes a declaration explaining such emergency, which, per the Open Meeting Law, would be under circumstances where such filing was unable to be anticipated prior to the filing deadline, and requires an immediate response by the Council.

Adoption of Rules

Rule 47. The Rules of the City Council shall be adopted for a two (2) year term and shall be adopted by a majority roll call vote no later than the first regular meeting in February.

Motion to Lay on the Table

Rule 48. The motion to *Lay on the Table* shall only be in order to place a pending question aside temporarily. This matter shall be taken up for consideration no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council; unless the tabled matter is postponed to a date certain. A motion to lay a question on the table shall not be debatable. A motion to take a question from the table may be made by any member of the body and such motion shall not be debatable.

Power to Summons

Rule 49. Pursuant to Chapter 233, Section 8 of the General Laws, the Council has the authority to summons witnesses to attend and testify and to produce books and papers at a hearing before the Council. See also Section 17I of the City Charter. An Order for Summons shall be filed by the Chair of the Council Committee invoking the summons power or shall be filed by the Sponsor of the docket invoking the summons power. An Order for Summons shall state the reason for issuing the summons and the subject matter jurisdiction. The Order shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Such Order shall be taken up for consideration at a subsequent Council meeting where the Council President shall bring the matter before the Council for consideration. The Chair of the standing Committee shall sign the summons requiring a person to appear before the Committee to be examined in reference to any matter within the scope of the inquiry being conducted by such Committee.

Electronic Records

Rule 50. It is the policy of the Council to promote transparent governance and provide clear and easily accessible records of Council actions. The Council shall, in consultation with the Clerk, Committee staff, and information technology employees of the City, seek to provide the following information, clearly enumerated independent of and separate from records of the Council agenda and minutes: text of filed matters, which shall include final copies of matters

as adopted by the Council and/or Mayor, amendments offered, and voting records.

Separation of Powers in Event of Mayoral Vacancy

Rule 51. In the event that a mayoral vacancy should occur and require the Council President to perform the duties of the Acting Mayor as specified in Section 11B of the City Charter, the President Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Council President. In addition to presiding over Council meetings, the President Pro Tempore shall assume all powers of the Council President as dictated by these rules, for so long as the mayoral vacancy exists and the Council President is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor. The powers of the Council President, and these powers assumed by the President Pro Tempore, shall include the power to call regular and special meetings, to authorize remembrances and accolades, to speak on behalf of the Council in a ceremonial capacity, to sign documents on behalf of the Council, to bring Orders for Summons before the Council, to assign matters to Committees, to file personnel orders on behalf of other members and the Council as a whole, to enforce standards of Councilor conduct, to arrange trainings, to oversee and direct Council staff, to close or open the Council's central offices, to propose and manage the Council's operating budget, and to make determinations in regard to Council rules, protocols, operations, and personnel matters, in appropriate consultation with the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Administration on changes to codified procedures and contractual obligations. The President Pro Tempore who is performing the duties of the Council President during a mayoral vacancy shall chair the Committee of the Whole and shall assume the Chair of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Administration in place of the Council President. The President Pro Tempore performing the duties of the Council President in these circumstances may use the style of 'President', and may designate another Councilor to preside in the President Pro Tempore's absence over meetings of the Council and of the Committee of the Whole. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of President Pro Tempore, whether by resignation, departure, or Council vote, the Council shall elect by simple majority another member to serve in the role of President Pro Tempore.

For so long as the mayoral vacancy exists, the Council President who is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor shall not vote or participate in Council meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, or hearings, shall make no Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, or membership assignments, and shall introduce matters to the Council docket only in the capacity of Acting Mayor. As the Council President remains a member of the Council, however, a quorum of the Council shall remain seven (7) members and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Council shall remain nine (9) members. The Council President who is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor shall retain the physical office associated with the office of the Council President. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of Council President, whether by resignation, departure, or Council vote, a new Council President shall be elected by the

procedure described in Section 17 of the City Charter, to possess all powers of the office and to perform the duties of the Acting Mayor when a mayoral vacancy should exist.



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

February 4, 2026

Dear Councilors,

The Committee of the Whole was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0157, Order to adopt Rules for the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027.

This matter was sponsored by Council President Liz Breadon and was referred to the Committee on January 28, 2026.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0157, is an Order to adopt Rules proposed for the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027, filed in accordance with Rule 47 of the Temporary Rules of the Body, which states that the Rules of the City Council shall be adopted for a two-year term and shall be adopted by a majority roll call vote no later than the first regular meeting in February.

Information Discussed at the Meeting

The Committee held a meeting on Friday, January 30, 2026, to discuss Docket #0157. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Councilors with an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification, and discuss the proposed rule changes prior to consideration by the Body.

At the outset of the meeting, Councilors identified several overarching goals and concerns that framed the discussion, including a desire to understand the intent behind proposed rule and committee structure changes; to ensure that procedural revisions would strengthen the Council as a deliberative body; and to clarify how the rules would operate in practice.

During the meeting, the Committee engaged in a detailed discussion of several proposed rule revisions and how those revisions interact with other rules that would remain unchanged. The discussion focused primarily on Rules 7, 12, 40A, 46, 48, and 39, as well as proposed changes to committee descriptions under Rule 36.

With respect to Rule 7, Councilors questioned whether removing language requiring motions involving the largest sum or longest term to be taken first could potentially weaken the Council's leverage in budgetary or spending-related motions. It was explained that the removal of such language was intended to clarify procedures and would not alter how motions are taken in practice.

With respect to Rule 12, Councilors raised questions regarding the removal of the Friday 4:00 p.m. deadline for Committee reports and questioned whether this change would impact the Body's time for review prior to a weekly meeting. It was explained that the language removed was an expression of an internal workflow "best practice", intended to support the coordination and preparation of Committee report materials between Chairs, Central Staff, and the Clerk's Office in advance of the Monday filing



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deadline. It was further explained that the removal of such language will not change or govern when Committee reports are made available for review.

With respect to Rule 40A, Councilors sought clarification on revisions made to voting language. It was explained that the revisions were made to clarify that any action taken by the Council in response to a referral would require a two-thirds vote of all members of the Council, not merely those present. In light of the seriousness of actions taken under Rule 40A, Councilors proposed re-adding language to require and ensure that any such action be taken by roll call vote.

With respect to Rule 46, Councilors asked whether the revised emergency language narrowed the ability to introduce late-filed matters or expanded discretion in determining what qualifies as an emergency, particularly with respect to the language about whether the matter could reasonably have been anticipated more than 48 hours in advance. It was explained that the language in question was revised to reflect the spirit of the Open Meeting Law and directly tracks standards applied by the Attorney General in Open Meeting Law determinations. Further discussion emphasized limiting late filings to true emergencies in order to maintain compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

With respect to Rule 48, Councilors expressed concern that removing explicit majority-vote language could introduce ambiguity or expand discretion. It was explained that the revision was intended to eliminate ambiguity and promote language consistency with respect to voting requirements across all rules. It was stated that, as revised, the Rules identify where a two-thirds vote is required and that, by nature of Rule 28, unless specified otherwise, all other questions put, such as the Motion to Lay on the Table, shall, by default, require a majority vote.

With respect to Rule 39, Councilors asked whether unused speaking time could be carried forward and how time would be tracked when a Councilor speaks more than once. It was explained that, as permitted under the rule, unused time would not be forfeited and that Councilors may use their allotted time in segments once all Councilors wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so. Further, it was clarified that the Clerk's Office is responsible for timekeeping.

Regarding Committee structures outlined under Rule 36, Councilors expressed their thoughts and concerns about the descriptions and oversight abilities of each Committee, particularly with respect to the creation of the Committee on Census, Redistricting, and Elections, the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee on Education, and the intersection of subject matter oversight between the Committees that address Public Health, Housing, and Human Services.

Councilors questioned why a new committee was created to focus on elections and whether those matters should instead fall under existing Committees, such as the Committee on City Services, noting the operational and service-delivery aspects of election administration. Discussion emphasized the importance of election integrity and readiness for redistricting. It was explained that a Committee dedicated to focusing on census, redistricting, and elections would be a valuable tool for the Body as preparation for the next census has already begun, to address concerns about census accuracy and election readiness.



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Councilors also discussed the scope of the Education Committee and whether education-related budget dockets, including components of the Boston Public Schools budget, should be included within the Committee’s jurisdiction. Discussion supported expanding the Education Committee’s role to provide focused oversight on education policy; however highlighted concerns against fragmenting budget oversight. Concerns were raised that assigning budget matters to multiple committees could create procedural confusion or inconsistencies with the matters addressed by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Regarding the intersection of subject matter oversight between the Committees on Public Health, Housing, and Human Services, Councilors questioned the reassignment of reproductive health, LGBTQ+ health, and trauma-related matters from the Committee on Public Health to the Committee on Human Services, as well as the potential overlap with the Committee on Housing with respect to matters of homelessness. It was explained that the intent of such language revisions was to broaden the scope of certain Committees while clarifying distinctions between matters like housing-focused solutions vs. public health approaches.

Before adjourning the meeting, the Committee also discussed procedures for summoning members when votes require a two-thirds vote of the full Council; the role of Robert’s Rules of Order when Council rules are silent; Rule 38 and questions regarding enforceability and free-speech considerations; and the value of future Committee of the Whole meetings to address concerns of the Body.

Summary of Amendments

The Rules as proposed have been amended to include gender neutral language throughout; a new committee event type known as “public testimony sessions” under Rule 35A; revised Committee descriptions for the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery under Rule 36; and language that would explicitly require a roll-call vote under Rule 40A.

Rule 35A was amended to incorporate the following language regarding “public testimony sessions”:

“Committee public testimony sessions refer to formal sessions of a committee at which members of the public are invited to testify regarding a particular docket or subject matter as articulated in the docket assigned to that committee. Committee chairs may schedule public testimony sessions for the exclusive purpose of allowing Councilors to hear statements from the public and focusing on the public’s positions on a particular docket or subject matter. Councilors may provide opening and closing remarks.”

Under Rule 36, the Committee description for the Committee on Human Services was amended to incorporate the following language to reflect the previous name of the Committee and its focus on strong women, families, and girls:

“The Committee shall focus on stabilizing and strengthening communities with a particular focus on girls and women.”

Under Rule 36, the Committee description for the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery was amended to re-incorporate the following language regarding the Committee’s oversight beyond COVID-19 pandemic, HIV, and other infectious diseases:



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Committee of the Whole
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“The Committee shall concern itself with all public health matters including, but not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic, HIV, and other infectious diseases, trauma, sexual and reproductive health, LGBTQ+ health services, and public health policies and interventions aimed at addressing structural inequalities in health outcomes.”

Rule 40A was amended to re-incorporate the following language requiring a roll call vote:

“Any action by the Council taken in response to any referral shall require a roll call vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members of the Council and shall be in accordance with local, state and federal law.”

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee of the Whole, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At this time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter **OUGHT TO PASS IN A NEW DRAFT**.

Liz Breadon, Chair
Committee of the Whole

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR LIZ BREADON



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER TO ADOPT CITY COUNCIL RULES

ORDERED: That the attached rules be adopted as the Rules of the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027.

Rules of the Boston City Council

Municipal Years 2026-27

Filed January 28, 2026

General Rules

Meeting Time

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time, and except on holidays, the regular meeting of the City Council shall be on Wednesdays at twelve o'clock noon in the Christopher A. Iannella Council Chamber, One City Hall Square, 5th Floor, Boston, unless otherwise determined by the Council President. Special meetings may be called at the Council President's discretion, upon a forty-eight (48) hour notice from the time the notices are posted by the Clerk, or relayed to each Councilor's office in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Council President upon less than forty-eight (48) hours notice in the case of an emergency, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council. A roll call vote will be taken at the beginning of a meeting called on less than forty-eight (48) hours notice to affirm the two-thirds (2/3) agreement to hold the special meeting.

Quorum

Rule 2. A quorum of the Council shall consist of seven (7) members and any member may call for a roll call on the question of the presence of a quorum. If at any time, any meeting is called to order, or if during a meeting, a roll call shows less than a quorum, the Presiding Officer shall call a recess of not more than ten (10) minutes, after which time, if a quorum is not present, the meeting may be adjourned by the Presiding Officer.

Presiding Officer

Rule 3. The Council President shall serve as Presiding Officer of the Committee of the Whole and shall assume the Chair at the hour set by the previous adjournment, call the members to order after a roll call showing a quorum present, and proceed with the regular order of business. The Council President shall select a President Pro Tempore to act in their absence and serve as Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole. In the event of the absence of both the Council President and the President Pro Tempore, the senior member by age shall preside. The term of the Council President shall be two (2) years, co-terminus with the term of the City

Council, except that by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council, the Council may declare the role vacant and conduct a new election for Council President. A member, after serving a term as Council President, may again serve as Council President after two (2) years have passed.

Appealing a Decision of the Chair

Rule 4. The Presiding Officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, and assignment of matters to Committee, subject to an appeal of the decision of the Chair, but no appeal shall be considered unless properly seconded. No other business except a motion to adjourn or to lie on the table shall be in order until the question on appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows:

"Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

The vote shall be by a roll call vote, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the Council is to the contrary.

Matters Properly Before Council

Rule 5. Any motion, order, or resolution which conflicts with the City Charter, federal or state constitution, or with rules prescribed by existing city ordinance, federal law, or state law, or which in the opinion of the Presiding Officer does not have a direct bearing on the business of the Council, is duplicative of a matter already in Committee, or was previously acted upon in the current municipal year may be placed on file. The decision of the Chair shall be a final disposition of the matter, subject to an appeal, but no appeal shall be considered unless properly seconded. No other business except a motion to adjourn or to lie on the table shall be in order until the question on appeal has been decided. Prior to the vote, the proponent of the motion, order, or resolution shall have three (3) minutes to explain the issue and the need for the Council to take action on the matter. Afterward, those members who share the opposite view, should they choose to, shall have the opportunity to select one of its members to speak for no more than two (2) minutes on the opposing view. A matter that has been placed on file under Rule 5 and is under appeal shall not be subject to amendment. After the debate, a vote on the matter shall be taken. The question shall be put as follows:

"Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

The vote shall be by a roll call, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the Council is to the contrary.

Recess

Rule 6. The Presiding Officer may at any time, during debate or otherwise, declare a recess for not more than twenty (20) minutes, unless the Presiding Officer declares that the Council will return to public session at a time certain. Such action shall not be subject to appeal, nor shall any motions apply thereto.

Propounding Motions

Rule 7. The Presiding Officer shall propound all motions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion shall be previous in its nature.

Deciding Questions

Rule 8. Subject to the provisions of these rules, the Presiding Officer, without debate, shall decide all questions relating to priority of business.

Dividing a Question

Rule 9. The Presiding Officer, at the request of any member, shall make a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

Doubting the Vote

Rule 10. The Presiding Officer shall declare all votes. If any member doubts a vote, the Presiding Officer shall cause the vote to be taken by a roll call.

Vacating the Chair

Rule 11. When the Presiding Officer wants to vacate the Chair, they shall call on the President Pro Tempore to take the Chair. In the absence of the President Pro Tempore, any member can be asked to assume the Chair. The Presiding Officer may resume the Chair at will.

Agenda

Rule 12. Any measure submitted for consideration by the Council shall be filed with the Clerk electronically with one (1) hard copy delivered to the Clerk's office by ten o'clock AM two (2) days preceding the Council meeting. The Clerk shall publish the agenda online no later than

forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Council meeting. With the exception of consent agenda items, all new Councilor-sponsored filings shall be submitted by no more than two Councilors. Other Councilors may sign on to the legislation during the scheduled Council meeting. Such submission is a prerequisite to any item's consideration at such meeting.

Duties of the Clerk

Rule 13. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, acting as Clerk and parliamentarian of the Council, to prepare and cause to be printed for each meeting a listing of all matters submitted for consideration to the Council, including the minutes of the previous meeting, in accordance with Rule 12; such listing shall be known as the agenda, and it shall be divided into two sections, the latter of which shall be known as the consent agenda.

The agenda shall include a section on "Matters Recently Heard – For Possible Action", which shall list all matters that are in Committee and publicly noticed to be discussed before any Committee between nine o'clock AM Monday and the beginning of the meeting. Committee Chairs wanting to take action on matters included in this portion of the agenda shall present a Committee Chair Report recommending action at the meeting. The Committee Report will be entered into the record of the meeting. The agenda shall include a list of all pending Council matters, such listing being also known as the "Green Sheets." The Green Sheets shall include a list of all thirty (30) and sixty (60) day orders, matters assigned for further action, matters on the table, unanswered 17F orders, home rule petitions not responded to by the Mayor, and a listing of all matters currently assigned to Committees.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to post the agenda and the full documents corresponding to the specific docket numbers listed on the agenda on the City's web page no later than two (2) business days (forty-eight (48) hours) preceding the scheduled meeting. If the Clerk's Office decides to post only a portion of an agenda item due to length, they must make a note on the attachment that the attachment is incomplete, and direct viewers to contact their office for the full document. Revised or amended dockets and late file matters shall be posted with the meeting minutes within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

Corrections as to Form

Rule 14. The Clerk, with the assistance of Corporation Counsel, if necessary, may make changes to correct the form of legislation once passed, provided however that its substance is not affected.

Items of the Same Matter

Rule 15. For the purpose of preventing duplicative debate in meetings or in committee, in the event that an ordinance, order, resolution, petition, authorization, agreement, or motion that is duplicative of or is substantively similar to a matter already in Committee or previously acted upon in the current municipal year, is filed with the Clerk for consideration by the Council, the Clerk shall cause to have entered on the agenda only that matter which was first filed during the current municipal year. The name of the Sponsor(s) to the similar matter may be added as a sponsoring member to the first filed matter that is placed on the agenda if the filings were submitted for the same meeting. Such action, however, shall not preclude any member from offering an amendment to such matter. This rule shall not preclude filings whose content is on a different subtopic, or a subtopic not specified or that should not have reasonably been expected to be covered by a previous filing, or filings on topics for which content has evolved since the previous filing, so long as a hearing or debate on the new filing would not result in the same hearing or same debate that would otherwise be had under the previous filing.

Removal from the Consent Agenda

Rule 16. Resolutions of condolences and congratulations filed in accordance with Rule 37 shall be listed upon the consent agenda. Any member of the Council may object to the Clerk upon such a filing. The matter being objected to shall be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the agenda of the regular Council business. No such resolution shall bear the name of any Councilor not indicating consent to sponsorship.

All matters contained on the consent agenda shall be read as one and the question of adoption and passage of all said matters shall be by a single motion. The question shall be put as follows:

"The question now comes on approval of the various matters contained within the consent agenda."

Order of Business and Debate

Rule 17. At every regular meeting of the Council, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Council Accolades (See Rule 37).
2. Approval of the previous meeting minutes.
3. Communications from the Mayor.

4. Petitions, memorials, and remonstrances.
5. Reports of public officers and others.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Matters recently heard - for possible action.
8. Motions, orders, and resolutions.
9. Personnel orders.
10. Pending Council matters ("Green Sheets").
11. Consent agenda.
12. Remembrances (see Rule 37).

Motions and Orders

Rule 18. When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be entertained and shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To move the previous question.
4. To close debate at a specified time.
5. To postpone to a day certain.
6. To commit.
7. To amend.
8. To postpone indefinitely.

The motion to adjourn, the motion to lie on the table, the motion to take from the table, and the motion for the previous question shall be decided without debate.

Strike and Insert

Rule 19. A motion to strike and insert shall be treated as indivisible; however, the failure of a motion to strike shall not prevent the introduction of a motion to amend or a motion to strike and insert.

Any motion(s) to amend must be presented in writing and copies given to Central Staff to distribute to all members of the Council present. No motion to amend shall be debated prior to receipt of the amendment by all members.

Three copies shall be given to the Clerk.

Adjourn

Rule 20. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time except during or on an immediate repetition of or pending a verification of a vote.

Remanding Matters to the Mayor

Rule 21. Any measure submitted by the Mayor for action by the Council shall be rejected without prejudice, unless when it is filed with the Clerk, it bears the certificate of the Corporation Counsel that, if adopted or passed in the form submitted by the Mayor, it will be in accordance with the law.

The Council, at the discretion of the Council President, may remand a response from the mayor to a Section 17F request, if in the determination of the Council President the response does not comply with the request. A subsequent response shall be due within seven (7) days.

Withdrawal of Motions

Rule 22. After the Presiding Officer has put a motion on the floor, the Presiding Officer may withdraw it on the request of the Sponsor, providing no objection.

Committee Assignment and Action

Rule 23. When any measure submitted for consideration relates to a subject that may properly be examined and reported upon by a Council Committee, such filing, upon presentation, shall be referred to such Committee by the Council President in consultation with the Clerk. Any member offering a filing referred to a Committee may request that the Chair of the Committee set, within thirty (30) days, a mutually agreeable date for a hearing. No hearing may be scheduled or conducted without the consent and the presence of the Chair or their designee. In order, designees shall be Vice Chair, Lead Sponsor (if voting member of the Committee), voting member of the Committee, Lead Sponsor, and so forth.

Calling of Matters in Committee

Rule 24. Within sixty (60) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it shall not be voted upon without the consent of the Committee Chair.

Sixty (60) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it may be called by nine (9) members of the Council.

Ninety (90) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it may be called by seven (7) members of the Council.

One hundred twenty (120) days after a matter is referred to a Committee, it may be called by five (5) members of the Council.

As a part of the Council meeting agenda, Committee Chairs may issue formal reports on dockets referred to their Committee. When the meeting moves to the docket(s) that are the subject of the Committee Chair Report, the Clerk will read the docket(s) and the Presiding Officer will state:

“Absent objection, the report of the Committee Chair is accepted and the docket(s) is (are) properly before the body.”

If there is an objection, the Clerk will conduct a roll call vote of the Committee members to ascertain that a majority of the Committee members support the call of the Committee Chair to remove the docket from Committee for discussion and action by the full Council.

The Chair of a Committee may call a docket out of their Committee at any time and ask that a vote be taken on a matter (“calling from the Green Sheets”), provided that when such a call is made and before the discussion of the item, the Presiding Officer will state:

“Absent objection, the motion of the Committee Chair is accepted and the docket(s) is (are) properly before the body.”

If there is an objection, the Clerk will conduct a roll call vote of the Committee members to ascertain that a majority of the Committee members support the call of the Committee Chair to remove the docket from Committee for discussion and action by the full Council.

Matters Placed on File at Year End

Rule 25. The Clerk shall place on file any Council-sponsored matter remaining in Committee at the conclusion of the last meeting of the calendar year, including matters introduced and not voted upon at the last meeting of the calendar year. Sixty (60) day orders and mayoral filings shall be exempt from this rule. Items awaiting mayoral action, including unanswered 17F orders and Home Rule Petitions, that are more than two weeks old at the end of the municipal year will be removed from the Green Sheets.

Legislative Form

Rule 26. In all legislation the form of expression shall be "Ordered" for everything by way of command, and the form shall be "Resolved" for everything expressing opinions or principles.

Summons of Members

Rule 27. Upon request for a roll call vote, the Presiding Officer may hold open the calling for a period of no longer than five (5) minutes during which time the City Messenger shall summon all members who are absent from the Iannella Council Chamber. The Clerk shall call the names of the members in alphabetical order without interruption. Each member shall respond to their name when called by the Clerk. No member shall be recorded after the name of the next member has been called in the prescribed manner, except by unanimous consent of all members present.

Voting

Rule 28. Every member present when a question is put, unless they are excluded by interest, shall vote in the affirmative or negative or shall respond, “present”. Unless otherwise provided, seven (7) members of the Council shall constitute a majority vote at a meeting of the Council. For a hearing of the Council, a majority of members present and voting shall constitute a majority.

Absence of Sponsoring Member

Rule 29. In the event that the lead sponsoring member of any measure first submitted for consideration, except communications and the contents of the consent agenda, is not present when the Clerk reads the matter, the Clerk shall withdraw the matter from consideration at that meeting. The Clerk will automatically re-file the document as a part of the regular agenda for the next Council meeting.

Reconsideration

Rule 30. Once a vote has been taken, any member may only move reconsideration of the vote at the same meeting. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five (5) minutes. On a vote upon any subsidiary or incidental question, debate shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, and no member shall occupy more than two (2) minutes.

Limits on Reconsideration

Rule 31. When a motion to reconsider has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon the following motions:

1. To adjourn.
2. The previous question.
3. To lay on the table.
4. To take from the table.
5. To close debate at a specified time.

A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table or postponed indefinitely, and the effect of such action in either case shall be to defeat the motion to reconsider.

Two-Thirds Majority Required and Second Readings

Rule 32. All orders releasing rights, easements, or restrictions on land, all orders for the sale of land, all appropriations for the purchase of land, and all loans voted by the Council shall

require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council, and shall be passed only after two (2) separate readings and by two (2) separate votes, the second of said readings and votes to be had not less than fourteen (14) days after the first, except in cases in which a shorter period is authorized by law. Any order rescinding an order for any of the foregoing purposes shall require the same number of readings and votes as was required for the passage of the original order. All matters failing to receive a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote on the first vote shall be deemed to have been rejected without prejudice and removed from further consideration, unless reconsideration of the initial vote prevails.

Adoption of Matters on Day Introduced

Rule 33. No measure submitted for consideration may be adopted at the meeting at which it is submitted. This rule may only be suspended with unanimous consent. This rule applies only to matters not previously filed for Council consideration and assigned to Committee, and any related amendments or substitutions, and does not apply to reports of Committee Chairs, personnel orders, or items on the consent agenda.

Committees

Forty-Eight Hour Notice Required

Rule 34. No meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session of any Committee shall be called upon less than forty-eight (48) hours notice (exclusive of legal holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays), unless otherwise allowed by the Council President in accord with the limitations of the state's Open Meeting Law, from the time Central Staff shall have electronically transmitted the notices and invitation letters or dispatched them by special messenger; provided that meetings of the Committee of the Whole may be held for a specific purpose at the call of the Council President, at the completion of Council business and prior to final adjournment of any meeting of the Council without such notice.

Only a Committee Chair may schedule a meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session or reserve time on the Council's calendar for a meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session to be scheduled. Notice of all scheduled meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, hearings, or public testimony sessions shall be posted by the Clerk indicating the date, time and place in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. In addition, the notice shall include the docket(s) or subject(s) to be discussed. Electronic notice shall be delivered to each Councilor and other interested parties by Central Staff. The Chair and members of any Committee shall speak and question witnesses for not more than ten (10) minutes at a time. The conduct of members of

the public at Council meetings, and Committee meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, hearings, or public testimony sessions, including those present to testify, shall be governed by Rules 41, 42 and 43 and shall be enforced by the Central Staff assigned to the meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session.

In the event a hearing is expected to last three or more hours, the Chair shall allow members of the public, in the order in which they sign up, to offer testimony at the beginning, middle, and end of the hearing. It shall be at the discretion of the Chair to determine the appropriate time and how many individuals shall testify at the beginning and during the hearing with the remaining individuals being allowed to testify at the end of the hearing.

No Committee, unless authorized by an order of the Council, shall incur any expense, including, but not limited to, advertising and stenographic costs. Committee Chairs requesting interpreter services will work with the Staff Director, recognizing there are budgetary limitations, to arrange for such services at the time the meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session is scheduled. No Committee meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session, except the Committee of the Whole, the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Administration, and the Committee on Ways and Means, shall be conducted on the day of any regular meeting of the Council. No Committee, except the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration, shall be allowed to schedule or conduct a meeting on the same day and time as a previously scheduled meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session of another Committee.

No Committee will hold any meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session after the last regular Council meeting of the municipal year.

Committee Action

Rule 35. Each item listed on the weekly agenda that is to be reported out of Committee must be accompanied by a report. The Committee Chair shall draft the report with the assistance of Central Staff Committee Liaisons. Committee Liaisons will be responsible for keeping minutes of Committee meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, hearings, and public testimony sessions in accordance with Open Meeting and Public Records requirements. Minutes shall include the following information: name of the Committee, title of the event (meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing), date, time of the call of the event, start time, end time, location, subject, Committee members present, a summary of the discussion held, any decisions made, next steps to be taken, votes taken, a list of all correspondence, documents, or exhibits presented at the event, and items requested by Councilors. The minutes are to be prepared by the Committee Liaison and presented to the Chair for review and

signature and filed within a reasonable timeframe of the conclusion of the meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session, but in no case later than the Committee's next meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session, on the relevant topic, except if a more suitable timeframe is determined by the Council President or Staff Director. Reports of the Committee Chair must contain the following information: docket number, title, date referred, Sponsor(s), date(s) of meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session (where applicable), a discussion of the provisions of the legislation, summary of information received at the meeting, policy briefing, working session, hearing, or public testimony session, and in the case of amended or substituted language, a discussion of the changes and the impacts on the original legislation, and the rationale for the recommended action.

The Committee Chair may issue an interim report to provide to the Council information received regarding the topic or the status of a docket. This interim Committee Report does not recommend a final disposition of the docket, and will not dispose of the docket. The interim report will be filed in the same manner as all other documents. It will be filed as part of the Reports of Committee portion of the agenda, and will be placed on file. The docket remains in the assigned Committee until final disposition.

Committee Meetings, Policy Briefings, Working Sessions, Hearings and Public Testimony Sessions

Rule 35A. Committee Chairs or a quorum of Committee members may schedule a meeting for the purpose of discussing ideas related to Committee work, particular dockets, or other topics within the subject matter of that Committee. While members of the public may attend Committee meetings, there is no public comment period.

Committee policy briefings refer to less formal sessions in which a Committee Chair invites representatives from the Administration, experts and others from the public to participate in an open discussion about a particular policy issue. While there is no formal public comment period, members of the public are encouraged to attend policy briefings.

Committee Chairs may schedule working sessions for the purpose of revising or writing legislation in Committee, or reviewing a proposed Committee Report. The Committee Chair may schedule a working session under the requirements of the Open Meeting Law and process established in Rule 34. More than one working session may be held on the same legislation and working sessions may be scheduled to review more than one piece of legislation at the same time. Subject to the will of the Chair, working sessions may be scheduled to occur at times separate from the hearings, or directly afterward. While members of the public may

attend working sessions, there is no public comment period. Participation and draft materials at working sessions shall be limited to Councilors and Chair invitees.

Committee hearings refer to formal sessions of a Committee at which representatives from the Administration, experts, or others from the public are invited to discuss and answer questions regarding a particular docket or subject matter as articulated in the hearing order assigned to that Committee. A public comment period is required and subject to Rule 34.

Committee public testimony sessions refer to formal sessions of a committee at which members of the public are invited to testify regarding a particular docket or subject matter as articulated in the docket assigned to that committee. Committee chairs may schedule public testimony sessions for the exclusive purpose of allowing Councilors to hear statements from the public and focusing on the public's positions on a particular docket or subject matter. Councilors may provide opening and closing remarks.

Committee Appointment, Structure, and Role

Rule 36. All Councilors shall be considered as members of each standing Committee. The Council President shall name those members of each Committee who are authorized to vote on matters in the Committee, including its Chair and Vice-Chair, who, with consent of the Chair, may preside in their absence. Communication shall be filed with the Clerk detailing the named Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and members who are assigned and authorized to vote on matters in each Committee. All other members of each Committee are not authorized to vote on such matters in the Committee. A quorum of the Committee shall be determined on the basis of voting members only.

The role of each Committee shall be to provide a forum for in-depth review and analysis of all matters that come before city departments, boards, and agencies, and to provide a means for residents to address their concerns with regard to services provided by the City. Committees are charged with reviewing all matters within their purview through the lens of government accountability, transparency, and accessibility.

Committees shall additionally focus upon: (1) public policy, (2) efficiency of service delivery, (3) equity with respect to that service delivery, (4) equity with respect to outcome and impact in order to address disparities, and (5) cost containment, it being the goal of the city government to provide appropriate services while ensuring that public monies, which derive from our citizenry, are appropriated wisely and cautiously.

Committees of the Council

There shall be the following Committees:

Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events, which shall concern itself with the encouragement of arts, culture, and the creative economy, including cultural development, humanities, performing arts, visual arts, film and filmmaking, music, public art, museums, arts education, arts organizations, tourism, entertainment, the support and funding of art and cultural amenities, opportunities to display and/or present works, and special events. The Committee shall also concern itself with fostering the creative environment and reputation of the city, including support for public art, arts events, and festivals, development of programs to empower arts organizations and arts supporters, retaining creative talent and ideas, and other actions to make the city a cultural and creative hub. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston Art Commission, Boston Cultural Council, all Cultural Districts, the Office of Arts and Culture, the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, and all agencies, departments, and programs related to arts, culture, tourism, and special events.

Committee on Census, Redistricting, and Elections, which shall concern itself with matters relating to the decennial United States Census as it affects representation, resources, and planning within the City of Boston, including efforts to support a complete and accurate count and the use of census data for municipal purposes; with the review and redrawing of City Council district boundaries following the release of census data in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local law, including providing a public forum for community input throughout the redistricting process; and with matters relating to municipal elections, including voter registration, ballot access, election administration, and policies affecting participation in local elections. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the City Clerk, the Election Department, and any other departments, offices, or agencies whose functions relate to the responsibilities of this Committee.

Committee on City Services, which shall concern itself with the delivery of municipal services to the city's residents and neighborhoods in order to promote improved and accessible service delivery to all residents, including the activities of and provision of services to residents by communication, energy, and water service providers.

The Committee shall concern itself with the infrastructure that facilitates broadband, wireless voice and data communications. The Committee shall be responsible for monitoring issues arising from utility facilities and operations, and including facility siting, in order to ensure that consumers are provided with the most reliable service, at the lowest possible cost, and that ratepayers' rights are protected under federal, state and local regulations. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to motor vehicle parking, including the residential

parking program and parking meters and other matters related to parking. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Inspectional Services Department, Office of Neighborhood Services, Public Works Department operations and programming, Transportation Department operations and enforcement, the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund and the George Robert White Fund, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, the Office of Broadband and Cable, Office of the Parking Clerk, Public Improvement Commission, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and the Department of Innovation and Technology.

Committee on Civil Rights, Racial Equity, and Immigrant Advancement, which shall concern itself with all matters relating to city, state, and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. The Committee shall also concern itself with advancing opportunities, equity, and wellbeing of our immigrant communities. The Committee shall concern itself with exploring the development of programs and/or legislation to ensure that all are able to safely and fully participate in the civic life of the city and economy. The Committee shall explore opportunities for city agencies, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to work together to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of all Bostonians. The Committee shall concern itself with promoting equal and fair access to public and private services and facilities for all residents, regardless of race, color, national origin, national ancestry, language background, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age or disability. The Committee shall work to ensure that city services and resources are accessible to immigrant communities regardless of their preferred language, country of origin, and immigration status. The Committee is charged with ensuring that language and communication access is integral to city services, resources, and policies. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to the Office of Immigrant Advancement, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Office of Women's Advancement, the Office of Black Male Advancement, the Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, Fair Housing and Equity, the Human Rights Commission, the Office of Language and Communications Access, and all matters pertaining to language access with relevant city departments and agencies, and all matters relating to the violation or protection of civil rights.

Committee on the Community Preservation Act, which shall concern itself with nominating members to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for consideration by the Boston City Council, including developing an open and transparent application process for interested candidates; providing a public forum to review and discuss the activities of the CPC; serving as liaison between the Boston City Council, CPC members, and the Director of the CPC, and providing additional input and transparency for the allocation of Community Preservation Act funds by the Community Preservation Committee.

Committee on Education, which shall concern itself with the quality of equitable educational

services provided to all school-aged residents in Boston. Further, the Committee shall explore developing programs to provide assistance with academics and extracurricular activities for families. The Committee shall monitor educational policy, in particular special education, bilingual education, and technical education, with the goal of eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps for students of color, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and children living in poverty. The Committee shall work to strengthen cooperation among city and state government, private enterprise, and institutions of higher learning, to provide students with the necessary education, training, and skills for further education and future career opportunities in the new economy. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston School Department, educational based programs, and all other city programs related to education.

Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks, which shall concern itself with environmental justice issues of residents, including the impact of industry on quality of life. The Committee shall concern itself with the natural resources of the city, issues of air, land, and water pollution, as well as recycling and other resource recovery efforts, issues related to waste disposal and land reclamation, and examine technologies and innovations regarding energy savings and efficiency. The Committee shall also concern itself with open space conservation, access to recreational facilities and opportunities, and the administration and oversight of the Rose Kennedy Greenway. The Committee shall have oversight of public parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities and matters generally impacting the Parks Department including but not limited to accessibility, maintenance, design and construction of new and existing public parks in the city. The Committee shall have oversight of departments within the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet and matters related to climate change, resiliency, and sea level rise, as well as trash collection, recycling, and composting operations within Public Works.

Committee on Government Operations, which shall concern itself with the organization and structure of city government, including departmental fees and charges. The Committee shall have referred to it all proposed ordinances and special laws affecting the structure, duties, concerns, and responsibilities of city departments, agencies and commissions. The Committee shall also concern itself with the review of the city's policy regarding residency for city employees. The Committee shall also concern itself with the implementation of ordinances, as well as periodic reviews of the City Code, oversight of publishing vendors undertaking such work, and review and proposal of amendments. In scheduling hearings and working sessions, the Committee will coordinate with the chair of the Committee whose jurisdiction covers the policy area discussed in the ordinance or special law.

Committee on Housing and Community Development, which shall concern itself with public

policy involving the preservation, creation, and rehabilitation of housing in the city, including public housing programs. The Committee is charged with evaluation of policies and programs of the city to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing to advocate toward the goal of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all Boston residents. The Committee shall also concern itself with affirmatively furthering equal and fair access to housing for all residents. The Committee shall concern itself with housing solutions for residents experiencing homelessness and with issues relating to homeless shelters. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the housing policies and programs of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the Mayor's Office of Housing, Boston Housing Authority, the Fair Housing Commission, and the Emergency Shelter Commission.

Committee on Human Services, which shall concern itself with the equitable delivery of human services and city programming for youth, families, seniors, and all residents. The Committee shall focus on stabilizing and strengthening communities with a particular focus on girls and women. This includes addressing issues, including but not limited to sexual violence, child abuse and neglect, reproductive health, LGBTQ+ health, trauma, hunger, and human trafficking. The Committee shall concern itself with issues related to youth, including but not limited to youth programming, summer jobs and job readiness initiatives, volunteerism, and youth violence prevention. The Committee shall also concern itself with early education and childcare in the City of Boston. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to Boston Centers of Youth and Families, Youth Engagement and Advancement, Youth Employment and Opportunity, and the Boston Youth Development Fund, Office of Early Childhood, Library Department, Women's Advancement, and the Age Strong Commission.

Committee on Labor and Economic Development, which shall concern itself with the economic empowerment of City neighborhoods through employment opportunities, fair working conditions, and workforce development. The Committee shall concern itself with diversifying the City's workforce and ensuring equity in the City's procurement processes. The Committee shall concern itself with policy issues affecting Boston's workforce across all sectors. The Committee shall also concern itself with issues related to organized labor and members of public and private collective bargaining units, including, but not limited to wages and hours, standards and statistics, job creation and retention, occupational health and safety, and the development of employment opportunities and training programs, with the exception of city collective bargaining agreements as filed with the Council that fall within the purview of Ways and Means.

The Committee shall also concern itself with the creation and growth of small business, entrepreneurship, and the innovation economy. The Committee shall work to support thriving neighborhood commercial districts, including streamlining permitting and licensing, and

fostering community economic development. The Committee shall further concern itself with protecting small businesses from displacement resulting from rising rents, redevelopment, and regulatory burdens. The Committee shall concern itself with reducing barriers for small business, focus on expanding access to capital for small businesses, and increasing support resources for small businesses. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy, Office of Workforce Development, Labor Compliance and Worker Protections, Main Streets Program, Consumer Affairs and Licensing, and Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion.

Committee on PILOT Agreements, Institutional and Intergovernmental Relations, which shall review the City's relationships and partnerships with institutions and government entities. The Committee will evaluate the efficacy of and compliance with the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program and agreements entered into by the City of Boston, as well as institutional master plans submitted by tax-exempt academic, medical, and cultural institutions. The Committee shall concern itself with the methodology of the program, involvement of residents in determining community benefits, and engagement of area universities and colleges and their plans relating to development, expansion, student activities, and other relevant topics. The Committee will also work with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to advocate, coordinate, and advance the City's partnerships with local, regional, and state agencies to advance the City's priorities.

Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation, which shall concern itself with the planning, physical development, and transportation access of the city, including financing, zoning, licensing, land use policy, the effects of development, and access to multimodal transportation and transit options throughout the city and its neighborhoods. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to all commercial, medical, research, educational and large scale residential development and building projects, development without displacement, as well as historic preservation programs. The Committee shall work to ensure community participation in the planning and development process, that residents and their institutional neighbors are both able to share in the city's benefits, and that the delivery of financial services are accessible, non-discriminatory, and promote both small and large business and development throughout all neighborhoods. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the care, management, custody, and use of public lands and buildings, except parkland. The Committee shall exercise additional oversight with respect to the Boston Industrial Development Finance Authority, the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Planning Department, Mayor's Office of Housing, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, Public Facilities Commission, Property Management Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Commission, Freedom Trail Commission, and Architectural and Landmarks Commission.

The Committee shall also concern itself with the planning, infrastructure, operational, and regulatory policies of Boston's surface, air, and water transportation modes. The Committee shall concern itself with transportation matters relating to bicycles, pedestrians, and motor vehicles, with the exception of parking. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and other agencies that furnish public transportation. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to the taxi industry and other transportation network companies. The Committee shall concern itself with hackney and jitney licenses. The Committee shall further concern itself with matters relating to operations at Logan International Airport and the Port of Boston. To further its initiatives, the Committee shall foster working relationships and collaborate with related state and local agencies. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to Boston Bikes, the Boston Transportation Department, the Transportation Capital Program planning and policies, and the Boston Public Works Department's transportation-related programs and operations.

Committee on Post-Audit, which shall concern itself with evaluating the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of city budget, operations and programs, including administrative compliance with legislative intent, and administrative regulations of departments, agencies, and programs. The Committee may review, establish goals and objectives, collect and analyze data, and report to the Council with recommendations, including possible legislative and programmatic changes based on its review and analysis. That Committee shall further concern itself with oversight and tracking of capital plans and expenditures following debt approval, general oversight over the City of Boston's distribution of state and federal COVID-19 relief funding and programs, examining municipal financial statements, bond and credit reports, internal fiscal controls, and risk management procedures, thus ensuring public funds and assets are managed responsibly and effectively. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Auditing Department and the Boston Finance Commission.

Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery, which shall concern itself with the health and well-being of residents, eliminating disparities in health care services, as well as the equitable delivery of health services. The Committee shall concern itself with all public health matters including, but not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic, HIV, and other infectious diseases, trauma, sexual and reproductive health, LGBTQ+ health services, and public health policies and interventions aimed at addressing structural inequalities in health outcomes. The Committee shall concern itself with the care and well-being of individuals dealing with homelessness, mental and behavioral health issues, or seeking assistance with substance use disorders and recovery. The Committee shall concern itself with issues impacting hospitals, community health centers, homeless shelters, public health nonprofits,

and recovery programs. The Committee shall work to enhance the quality and quantity of available programming financed by city, state, and federal resources. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to the Boston Public Health Commission and the Office of Recovery Services.

Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, which shall concern itself with the adequate delivery of police and fire protection to all neighborhoods. The Committee shall be responsible for evaluating, encouraging, and facilitating resident-driven efforts to prevent crime. The Committee also shall concern itself with criminal justice policies including matters related to the reintegration and reentry of returning citizens. The Committee shall coordinate and work with county, state, and federal agencies and community organizations to evaluate, explore, and develop strategies, policies, and recommendations aimed at lowering the recidivism rate and incarcerated population while ensuring the public's safety. The Committee shall also be concerned with all matters related to homeland security and efforts to protect residents against terrorism in any form. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Boston Fire Department, Boston Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Operations Center, Suffolk County Jail, Suffolk County House of Correction, anti-crime and criminal justice reform efforts financed by state and federal government sources, and county correctional matters.

Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration, which shall concern itself with the rules and administrative functions of the Council. The Committee shall meet to discuss matters in accordance with M.G.L. c. 39, s. 23B (the state Open Meeting Law) and other issues internal to City Council operations. The Clerk, as Clerk of the Council, shall participate in Committee meetings convened to address related rules or parliamentary issues at the request of the chair.

Committee on Veterans, Military Families, and Military Affairs, which shall concern itself with the city's programs for veterans, active military personnel, and their families. The Committee shall evaluate and examine the availability of programs for veterans and active military personnel. The Committee shall evaluate the need for the implementation of new programs and services for veterans and active military personnel and their families. The Committee shall have oversight with respect to the Veterans' Services Department, and the Veterans' Graves Division of the Parks Department.

Committee on Ways and Means, which shall exercise general oversight with respect to city revenues and expenditures and all other component units that comprise the government entity, as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Committee may report to the Council the cost of implementation of any order, ordinance, program, as well as any and all contracts for city services and collective bargaining agreements for city services, or any other

initiative pending before the body, and shall make such report whenever requested by another Committee or directed to do so by the Council. The Committee shall have referred to it all matters concerning appropriations, the city budget, expenditures and loans. The Committee shall review city policies and actions involving the purchase of financial services, deposits, borrowing, and investment. The Committee shall concern itself with issues related to all city owned or leased facilities. The Committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Assessing Department, Auditing Department, the Office of Budget Management, the Treasury Department, and the Boston Finance Commission.

Committee of the Whole, which shall concern itself with any litigation involving the Council and all other matters referred to it.

Council Accolades and Remembrances

Rule 37. The Council shall have the honor of recognizing persons, groups, and events of significant importance to the City. Any Councilor wishing to honor such individuals or groups at the start of a Council meeting shall notify the office of the Council President in writing by four o'clock PM, one (1) business day before the meeting. Councilors may honor individuals up to six (6) times per year. Two (2) accolades will be allowed per meeting and each accolade should not exceed five (5) minutes. Said notification shall include the names of the individuals or groups and the reason they are being honored. The Council President, at the request of any Councilor, shall ask the Council to recognize and acknowledge a special guest or group of guests seated in the Council gallery. Deviations are subject to the Council President's discretion.

Directly before the conclusion of a scheduled Council meeting, Councilors may request that the Council adjourn in memory of persons with importance to the City. Any Councilor wishing to do so shall notify the office of the Council President in writing by 9:00 o'clock AM the morning of the meeting. The Councilor shall provide the name, with correct spelling and pronunciation where appropriate. The Council President shall read the names of the Councilor making the request and the people to be recognized.

Conduct in City Council

Rule 38. Every member about to speak shall signal the Chair by electronic means provided and then wait until recognized by the Chair. No member shall be recognized when away from their desk. In speaking, members shall address other members in one of the manners as follows: by the title Councilor and the member's surname, as the Councilor from district (cite district number), the at-large Councilor from (neighborhood of residence), or as the Chair of a

particular Committee, and shall confine themselves to the question, shall not use unbecoming, profane, abusive, or non-parliamentary language, and shall avoid personal or derogatory remarks to or about any member. Any member who, in debate or otherwise, indulges in personal or derogatory remarks to or about another member or makes charges reflecting upon the character of another member, shall make an apology in open session at the meeting at which the offense was committed or at the next succeeding regular meeting. If the member fails to apologize, the Council President may hold the member in contempt and suspend the member from further participation in debate and statement until an apology is made.

Order of and Time Limit on Speaking

Rule 39. No member shall speak more than once on a question when another member who has not spoken claims the floor and no member speaking shall, without consenting, be interrupted by another, except on a point of order.

A member may speak upon a matter for no more than ten (10) minutes, except as further limited by the provisions of this rule. A member who has not spoken on a matter shall have priority and recognition by the Chair whenever said member shall rise.

Dockets filed as Communications from the Mayor; Petitions, Memorials, and Remonstrances; Reports of Public Officers and Others; and Personnel Orders shall not be open for remarks and debate at the time they are introduced except at the discretion of the Council President.

Remarks by Councilors at the time a matter that is to be assigned to a Committee is introduced shall be limited to three (3) minutes for the Lead Sponsor and two (2) minutes for any additional original Co-Sponsors. The appropriate time for questioning and debate is at public hearings and working sessions. If a docket Sponsor requests suspension of Rule 33 and passage of a newly introduced docket, remarks shall be limited to three (3) minutes for the docket Sponsors and two (2) minutes for all other members.

The Clerk shall inform the Council President whenever a member has spoken longer than the allotted time under the prescribed time limits.

Conduct of Councilors - Generally

Rule 40. The Ethics Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enforces Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws -- The Conflict of Interest Law. The Conflict of Interest Law regulates and governs the conduct of all Councilors as municipal public officials. All Councilors shall review and fully comply with each of the law's provisions. The Clerk

shall distribute a copy of said law at the start of each municipal year. The Council President may arrange for trainings on Conflict of Interest Laws, the Open Meeting Law, and other topics as appropriate.

Rule 40A. Pursuant to the City Charter and in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Council President may refer a matter to the Council upon their determination that any member has engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the Boston City Council or may be unqualified to sit on the body. A member may be unqualified by violating federal or state law, or any conditions imposed by the City's Charter, which includes violating any provisions of the three oaths of office.

The Council President shall automatically refer a matter to the Council upon a felony conviction of any member by any state or federal court.

Any action by the Council taken in response to any referral shall require a roll call vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of all members of the Council and shall be in accordance with local, state and federal law.

Members of the Public on Council Floor

Rule 41. No person except a member of the Council at any time shall be permitted to occupy a seat designated for Councilors at any City Council meeting or hearing location. Central Staff shall strictly enforce this rule.

Staff on Council Floor

Rule 42. No person, except the staff of the Clerk or Central Staff, shall be allowed upon the floor of the Iannella Council Chamber, the witness podium (microphone), or the doorways of the anteroom, unless invited by the Presiding Officer. No person shall be permitted to speak, testify, or otherwise participate in any Council meeting, policy briefing, working session or hearing unless permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer. Members of the public are welcome in the gallery of the Iannella Council Chamber when the Council is in session, but no one will be admitted to the gallery after all seats are occupied. Members of the public are welcome into other Council hearing locations, but no one will be admitted unless seats or proper standing room exists in the interest of public safety. No demonstration of approval or disapproval from members of the public will be permitted (including, but not limited to, signs, placards, banners, cheering, clapping, booing, etc.) and if such demonstrations are made, the gallery or public seating area will be cleared. This rule shall be strictly enforced. Any person, upon entering a Council meeting or hearing for the purpose of viewing or testifying grants

permission to the Council to record and televise their presence and testimony.

Electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off or put in silent mode upon entering the Iannella Council Chamber or any Council hearing location, and any person violating this rule shall be asked to leave.

Members of the Press on Council Floor

Rule 43. Members of the press in attendance shall refrain from discussion within the Iannella Council Chamber with Councilors during a Council meeting or Committee hearing. No member of the press shall be allowed on the Council floor without the consent of the Presiding Officer. Central Staff shall strictly enforce this rule.

Lobbying Activities

Rule 44. No person, who for compensation or reward acts to promote, oppose, or influence a matter pending before the Council, shall be admitted at any time to the Iannella Council Chamber or anterooms unless said person has registered with the Clerk as required by the Lobbyist Registration and Regulation Ordinance of the Boston City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-15. All registered Lobbyists, Lobbying Entities, and Clients who have registered with the City are available on the City's website to promote transparency in government.

Further Rules, Amendment, and Suspension

Rule 45. Unless inconsistent with any provision of these rules, the proceedings of the Council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, current edition.

Suspension of Rules

Rule 46. All portions of the Rules of the Council that require compliance with the Open Meeting Law, portions of the rules mandated by City Charter, and portions of the rules enumerating or designating the authority of the Council President shall not be suspended. Rules 12, 33, and 35 may be suspended only by unanimous consent. All other rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed at any time, except by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Council. Provided, however, that Rule 12 may be suspended to introduce a matter submitted by a Councilor calling for action by the Council on the day of a meeting only in the case of an emergency, and the filing includes a declaration explaining such emergency, which, per the Open Meeting Law, would be under circumstances where such filing was unable to be anticipated prior to the filing deadline, and requires an immediate

response by the Council.

Adoption of Rules

Rule 47. The Rules of the City Council shall be adopted for a two (2) year term and shall be adopted by a majority roll call vote no later than the first regular meeting in February.

Motion to Lay on the Table

Rule 48. The motion to *Lay on the Table* shall only be in order to place a pending question aside temporarily. This matter shall be taken up for consideration no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council; unless the tabled matter is postponed to a date certain. A motion to lay a question on the table shall not be debatable. A motion to take a question from the table may be made by any member of the body and such motion shall not be debatable.

Power to Summons

Rule 49. Pursuant to Chapter 233, Section 8 of the General Laws, the Council has the authority to summons witnesses to attend and testify and to produce books and papers at a hearing before the Council. See also Section 17I of the City Charter. An Order for Summons shall be filed by the Chair of the Council Committee invoking the summons power or shall be filed by the Sponsor of the docket invoking the summons power. An Order for Summons shall state the reason for issuing the summons and the subject matter jurisdiction. The Order shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Such Order shall be taken up for consideration at a subsequent Council meeting where the Council President shall bring the matter before the Council for consideration. The Chair of the standing Committee shall sign the summons requiring a person to appear before the Committee to be examined in reference to any matter within the scope of the inquiry being conducted by such Committee.

Electronic Records

Rule 50. It is the policy of the Council to promote transparent governance and provide clear and easily accessible records of Council actions. The Council shall, in consultation with the Clerk, Committee staff, and information technology employees of the City, seek to provide the following information, clearly enumerated independent of and separate from records of the Council agenda and minutes: text of filed matters, which shall include final copies of matters as adopted by the Council and/or Mayor, amendments offered, and voting records.

Separation of Powers in Event of Mayoral Vacancy

Rule 51. In the event that a mayoral vacancy should occur and require the Council President to perform the duties of the Acting Mayor as specified in Section 11B of the City Charter, the President Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of the Council President. In addition to presiding over Council meetings, the President Pro Tempore shall assume all powers of the Council President as dictated by these rules, for so long as the mayoral vacancy exists and the Council President is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor. The powers of the Council President, and these powers assumed by the President Pro Tempore, shall include the power to call regular and special meetings, to authorize remembrances and accolades, to speak on behalf of the Council in a ceremonial capacity, to sign documents on behalf of the Council, to bring Orders for Summons before the Council, to assign matters to Committees, to file personnel orders on behalf of other members and the Council as a whole, to enforce standards of Councilor conduct, to arrange trainings, to oversee and direct Council staff, to close or open the Council's central offices, to propose and manage the Council's operating budget, and to make determinations in regard to Council rules, protocols, operations, and personnel matters, in appropriate consultation with the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Administration on changes to codified procedures and contractual obligations. The President Pro Tempore who is performing the duties of the Council President during a mayoral vacancy shall chair the Committee of the Whole and shall assume the Chair of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Administration in place of the Council President. The President Pro Tempore performing the duties of the Council President in these circumstances may use the style of 'President', and may designate another Councilor to preside in the President Pro Tempore's absence over meetings of the Council and of the Committee of the Whole. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of President Pro Tempore, whether by resignation, departure, or Council vote, the Council shall elect by simple majority another member to serve in the role of President Pro Tempore.

For so long as the mayoral vacancy exists, the Council President who is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor shall not vote or participate in Council meetings, policy briefings, working sessions, or hearings, shall make no Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, or membership assignments, and shall introduce matters to the Council docket only in the capacity of Acting Mayor. As the Council President remains a member of the Council, however, a quorum of the Council shall remain seven (7) members and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Council shall remain nine (9) members. The Council President who is performing the duties of the Acting Mayor shall retain the physical office associated with the office of the Council President. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the office of Council President, whether by resignation, departure, or Council vote, a new Council President shall be elected by the procedure described in Section 17 of the City Charter, to possess all powers of the office and

to perform the duties of the Acting Mayor when a mayoral vacancy should exist.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 26, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by eighteen million, one hundred eighteen thousand, four hundred eighty eight (\$18,118,488) to provide funding for the Fire Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Firefighters IAFF Local 718.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,


Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY26 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY EIGHTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$18,118,488).

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$18,118,488

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



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 26, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Fire Department for FY26 in the amount of eighteen million, one hundred eighteen thousand, four hundred eighty eight (\$18,118,488) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and IAFF Local 718. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contracts include a base wage increase of 2.5% to be given in July of 2024, and a base wage increase of 2% in July of each subsequent fiscal year of the contract term. The agreement also includes salary adjustments starting in January of 2025, for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service.

As originally presented to you, the FY26 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING EIGHTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$18,118,488) TO COVER THE FY26 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND BOSTON FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 718.

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 EIGHTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$18,118,488) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

221000	Boston Fire Department	Personnel Services	\$18,118,488
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I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.
BY MICHAEL FIRESTONE
MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL *Kmw*



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 26, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by one million, three hundred seven thousand, nine hundred one dollars (\$1,307,901) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS).

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY26 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS (\$1,307,901).

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$1,307,901

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

BY 
MICHAEL FIRESTONE
CORPORATION COUNSEL

KMW



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 26, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY26 in the amount of one million, three hundred seven thousand, nine hundred one dollars (\$1,307,901) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School administrators and Supervisors (BASAS). The terms of the contracts are September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract term. The contract also adds a new step in FY27 and a new degree to the education differential.

As originally presented to you, the FY26 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS (\$1,307,901) TO COVER THE FY26 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE BOSTON ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS.

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 ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS (\$1,307,901) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

Boston Public Schools

\$1,307,901

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

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF BOSTON CITY PROPERTY FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES BY UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, Boston is a city of immigrants and is strengthened socially, culturally, and economically by the contributions of immigrant communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Access to public spaces, municipal services, and city-owned property without fear is essential to public safety, civic participation, and community trust; *and*

WHEREAS, Civil immigration enforcement activities conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have caused fear, disruption, and trauma in immigrant communities across the country; *and*

WHEREAS, The use of municipal property to stage, process, mobilize, or support civil immigration enforcement undermines Boston's long-standing commitment to being a welcoming city and erodes trust between residents and local government; *and*

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2026, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued Executive Order No. 650, Protecting Access to Essential Services and Keeping Massachusetts Communities Safe, which prohibits federal civil immigration enforcement agencies from using state-owned or state-controlled property as staging areas, processing locations, or operational bases for civil immigration enforcement; *and*

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 650 affirms that state and local resources exist to serve residents and essential public purposes and that the federal government may not compel state or local governments to administer or facilitate federal civil immigration enforcement; **NOW, THEREFORE**

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

The City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 16 amended by inserting the following:

16.67 Use of City Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Prohibited

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that Boston City property is used solely to serve and support the residents of Boston and not to facilitate civil immigration enforcement.

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) “City Property” shall mean any building, facility, parking lot, garage, park, street, or land owned, leased, or controlled by the City of Boston or any City department, agency, authority, board, or commission.

(b) “Civil Immigration Enforcement” shall mean any action taken to investigate, detain, apprehend, process, or remove individuals based solely on alleged violations of federal civil immigration law.

(c) “Federal Immigration Agency” shall include United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and any successor agency.

Section 3. Prohibition of Use of City Property.

(a) No City Property shall be used by any federal immigration agency for civil immigration enforcement purposes, including but not limited to use as:

1. A staging or mobilization area;
2. A processing or detention site;
3. An operational base or debriefing location; or
4. A location for assembling, deploying, or parking vehicles, equipment, materials, or personnel related to civil immigration enforcement.

(b) No City department or employee shall grant permission, formal or informal, for such use of City Property.

Section 4. Enforcement.

(a) Each City department, agency, authority, board, and commission shall adopt and implement policies and procedures consistent with this ordinance and shall ensure that relevant staff are informed of and trained on the requirements of this section.

(b) The Commissioner of Property Management, in consultation with the Corporation Counsel

and the Office for Immigrant Advancement, shall issue guidance to City departments regarding compliance with this ordinance and appropriate responses to requests by federal immigration agencies for use of City Property.

(c) Any authorization, permit, license, memorandum of understanding, or agreement that purports to allow use of City Property in violation of this ordinance shall be deemed void and unenforceable to the extent of such violation.

(d) No City funds, personnel, or resources shall be expended to assist or facilitate the use of City Property for civil immigration enforcement in violation of this ordinance.

Section 5. Severability.

The provisions of this ordinance 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 6. Effective Date.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE EQUITY & INCLUSION CABINET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: On June 12, 2020, the City of Boston declared racism a public health crisis and affirmed the need for proactive reinforcement of policies that promote a more equitable Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2021, President Biden, through Executive Order 13985, set a powerful example by charging the Federal Government with advancing equity for all, including underserved communities, addressing systemic racism, and supporting and empowering all Americans, thereby setting a precedent for local governments to follow; *and*

WHEREAS: Reflecting on past city policies, programming, investments, and instances of negligence, we recognize that Boston's communities of color have been consistently disadvantaged and disinvested, leading to their further marginalization and dismantling; *and*

WHEREAS: In response, former Mayor Martin J. Walsh issued an executive order affirming the role of the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet to instill resilience and racial equity throughout city government, mandating data collection, outreach, inter-agency collaborations, and capacity building across all City departments; *and*

WHEREAS: Building on this foundation, the City launched significant initiatives, including the establishment of the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet, the creation of a racial equity fund, the implementation of new zoning amendments, the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the formation of the Reparations Commission Taskforce; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has continued to make substantial strides in promoting racial equity through various initiatives and policies, including the Pilot E+I Academy training and the REAL training series, aimed at building trust, fostering belonging, and equipping employees with tools to better serve diverse populations, reflecting a broader national movement toward systemic empowerment and equitable practices; *and*

WHEREAS: In this spirit of continuous improvement and alignment with best practices, the District of Columbia implemented the "Racial Equity Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2020," requiring the Mayor to include a summary of how each year's proposed budget "advances racial equity in the District, reduces disparate outcomes, and allocates resources to support equitable outcomes"; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2021, the residents of Boston voted to give the City Council more budget oversight, empowering local governance to better address community needs and promote equity; *and*

WHEREAS: Recognizing this power, the government serves in the public's interest and is uniquely positioned to address racial systemic inequity and bias; *and*

WHEREAS: Addressing racialized societal inequities is essential for developing safe, resilient, and collaborative communities, and for preventing crime, violence, homelessness, and poor health outcomes; and

WHEREAS: Proactively pursuing racial equity strengthens government-community relationships and ensures fair opportunities for all, particularly in Black and Brown communities; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston recognizes the need to implement clear, intentional strategies and practices to address racial disparities and promote equity in all aspects of city governance; and

WHEREAS: Including the employment of Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBs) in City contracting and promoting equity in public procurement is crucial, with regular reporting and disparity studies essential for monitoring and addressing inequities in city contracts;

WHEREAS: Through this Ordinance, the Boston City Council has made it a priority to examine how each department is addressing inequities; ***NOW, THEREFORE***

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

That the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 2-12 shall be amended by adding the following new sections and subsections after 2-12.5

Section One.

Section 2-12.6 Equity in Action

Section 2-12.6.1 Purpose:

This legislation intends to establish protocols to ensure that all city ordinances and budgetary decisions are informed by and adhere to principles of racial and social equity with the goal of closing racial wellness and achievement gaps and improving health, educational, economic, and societal outcomes for all residents.

Section 2-12.6.2 Definitions:

For purposes of this section, the term:

- I. "Determinants of equity" refers to the social, economic, geographic, political, and physical environmental conditions in which people in the City of Boston are born, grow, live, work, and age that lead to the creation of a fair and just society. Access to the determinants of equity is necessary to have equity for all people regardless of race, class, ethnicity, religion, disability status, sexual orientation, gender

identity, language spoken, or perceptions thereof. Inequities are created when barriers exist that prevent individuals and communities from accessing these conditions, thereby preventing them from reaching their full potential. The determinants of equity include, but are not limited to:

- A. Community economic development that supports local ownership of assets including homes & businesses and assures fair access to business development & business retention opportunities;
 - B. Community & public safety including services such as fire, police, emergency medical services, and code enforcement that is responsive and helps residents feel safe to live, work, and play in any neighborhood;
 - C. A law & justice system that provides equitable access and fair treatment for all;
 - D. Early childhood development that supports nurturing relationships, high-quality, affordable child care & early learning opportunities that promote optimal early childhood development and school readiness for all children;
 - E. Education that is high quality, accessible, and culturally appropriate;
 - F. Equity in practices that address implicit bias and institutional racism to promote fair and inclusive treatment for all individuals engaging with city operations and services.
 - G. Food systems that support local food production and provide access to affordable, healthy, and culturally appropriate foods for all people;
 - H. Health & human services that are high quality, affordable, accessible, culturally appropriate, and support the optimal well-being of all people;
 - I. Healthy and accessible built & natural environments for all people that include mixes of land use that support: jobs; housing; amenities & services; trees & forest canopy; and clean air, water, soil, & sediment;
 - J. Housing for all people that is safe, affordable, high quality, and supportive of good health;
 - K. Job training and quality jobs that provide all residents with the knowledge & skills required to support their ability to make sufficient income to support themselves and their families with a decent standard of living;
 - L. Neighborhoods that support all communities & individuals through strong social networks, trust among neighbors, and the ability to work together to achieve common goals that improve the quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood;
 - M. Parks and natural resources that provide access for all people to safe, accessible, clean, and high-quality outdoor spaces, facilities, and activities that appeal to the interests of all communities; and
 - N. Transportation that provides everyone with safe, efficient, affordable, accessible, convenient, and reliable mobility options including public transit, walking, and biking.
- II. "Equity" refers to the elimination of disparities such that race, class, ethnicity, religion, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, language spoken, or perceptions thereof no longer predict opportunities, outcomes, or the distribution of resources for residents of the City.

- III. “Budget Amendment Packet” refers to the collection of all individual budget amendments proposed by the individual City Councilors.

Section 2-12.6.3 Council Central Staff Committee on Equity:

There shall be established an independent Council Central Staff Committee on Equity (C-COE), composed of a Director and the Central Staff legislative liaisons. These individuals shall serve as research & legislative consultants for the offices of the City Councilors.

Section 2-12.6.4 Equity in Action:

Ordinances and Home Rule Petitions proposed by the Mayor or the individual Councilors shall be accompanied by a written analysis of if and how the proposed ordinance:

- I. advances access to determinants of equity in the City;
- II. addresses disparities of access to the determinants of equity;
- III. analyzes any expected disparate impact on individual’s age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language spoken, or perception thereof;
- IV. and/or allocates resources to support improved individual and/or communal outcomes.

This analysis shall be created by the Mayor’s Office or Primary Sponsor’s Office with research support and in consultation with the Mayor’s Office of Equity And Inclusion and C-COE, respectively, as requested.

This analysis shall be appended as a preamble, serving as a cover letter to accompany the legislation upon initial submission. It will outline how the proposed ordinance or home rule petition advances access to equity determinants, addresses disparities, analyzes potential disparate impacts across various demographics, and allocates resources to support improved outcomes, ensuring clarity and alignment with the City’s equity goals.

Beginning in part in fiscal year 2028 and in each subsequent fiscal year, the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet will develop guidelines to aid policymakers in establishing a standardized framework for ensuring equity.

Section 2-12.6.5 Equity in Budgeting:

Section 2-12.6.5.1 Equity Analysis in Budget Submissions

Beginning in part in fiscal year 2028 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the Mayor's budget package to the Council and the Council’s proposed Budget Amendment Packets shall be accompanied by a written analysis of if and how the proposed budget or amendment(s):

- I. Improves access to the determinants of equity in the City;
- II. Addresses disparities of access to the determinants of equity;
- III. Improves health, educational, economic, and societal outcomes for residents, particularly those from traditionally marginalized communities determined by an individual’s or community’s age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language spoken, or perception thereof;
- IV. Allocates resources to support equitable access and improved outcomes.

This analysis shall be created by the Mayor's Office or Primary Sponsor's Office with research support and in consultation with the Mayor's Office of Equity And Inclusion and C-COE, respectively, as requested. This analysis shall be included as a preamble to each Mayoral docket submission and each Council Amendment, in accordance with the process outlined by the chair.

Section 2-12.6.5.2 Departmental Equity Reports

Beginning in part in fiscal year 2028 and for each subsequent fiscal year as part of the annual budget process, the Office of Budget Management shall require each department to submit a written report that summarizes, at a minimum:

I. The budget book through an equity lens must, at a minimum, include detailed reports from each department addressing the following areas:

A. EMPLOYEES

1. Five-Year Analysis of Full-Time Employees (FTE's)
2. Five-Year Analysis of Total Number of Positions.
3. Five-Year Analysis of the total number of contract positions.
4. Four-Year Breakdown of employees on leave and average time spent on leave.
5. Breakdown of departmental employees by race and gender, and a breakdown of your top 10 wage earners by race and gender.
6. Breakdown of employees with language competency other than English.
7. Outline any hiring challenges encountered during the year.
 - a) Detail all vacancies in the department that have remained open for longer than six months.
8. Submit an organizational chart for the department, including accompanying salary information.
9. Five-year analysis of department overtime
 - a) Amount and Justifications for any overtime.

B. CONTRACTS

1. Overview of contracts entered into within the last four fiscal years
2. Breakdown of contractors by race and gender, with residential and business addresses.
3. Highlight MWBE contracts, including the vendor's location.
4. Identify and address any significant barriers to contractor diversity.
5. Evaluate the feasibility of bringing currently outsourced work in-house

C. PERFORMANCE

1. The department shall provide an overview of your current fiscal year performance measures including:

- a) Any changes in targets from the past fiscal year's performance measures.
 - b) An overview of each measure with a narrative explaining its history and trends
- 2. For this upcoming fiscal year, the department shall provide a narrative explaining any proposed new measurements or changes to the target levels of any existing performance measurements.

D. SPENDING

- 1. Please attach actual YTD spending.
- 2. Please explain any savings realized by the department YTD.
- 3. Please describe any areas where your department could find savings.
- 4. For prior three fiscal years, please describe how much in unused funds your department had.

E. REVOLVING FUNDS

- 1. Any and all information on revolving funds -
 - a) Name of revolving fund
 - b) The board, department, or officer authorized to expend from the fund
 - c) The annual cap (if any) on this fund.
 - d) The programs and purposes for which the revolving fund may be expended
 - e) The limit on the total amount which may be expended from such fund
 - f) Any restrictions on the expended funds
 - (1) For the previous fiscal year
 - (a) The revenue and expense details in checkbook form with beginning and ending balances.
 - (2) For the current fiscal year
 - (a) The anticipated revenue and expenses for the current fiscal year
 - (b) The actual-to-date revenue and expense detail in checkbook form with beginning and end-to-date balances.
 - (3) For the next fiscal year
 - (a) Any proposed changes to the structure of the fund from previous years.

- (b) Any anticipated changes to the source of receipts for the fund from previous years.
 - (c) Anticipated receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year.
- II. Assessment of departmental capacity to fulfill the requirements of this ordinance
- III. Assessment of adherence to policies and procedures implemented to fulfill the requirements of this ordinance
- IV. Assessments of progress and deficits relating to the achievement of annual equity goals laid out in the previous year
- V. Establishment of new equity goals and objectives
- VI. Plans to fulfill deficits & meet said goals.
- VII. Demographic data relating to:
 - A. Procurements
 - B. Staffing
 - C. Compensation
 - D. Capital expenditures
 - E. Leadership & advancement
 - F. Grant disbursements
 - G. Contracts

Starting in fiscal year 2028, the departments required to fulfill these duties will be the Top 5 departments by expenditure in the operating budget, with an expansion to the Top 10 by fiscal year 2029 and every department by fiscal year 2030.

These reports shall be included in budget materials to be shared with the Council and made available to the public for the purpose of identifying gaps and assessing the root causes of those gaps.

Section 2-12.6.5.3 Metrics and Reporting

Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2028, the City's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet and the Office of Budget Management shall develop, establish, and track metrics to measure the overall development and implementation of this ordinance. The City's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet will report on established metrics on a semiannual basis. Such reports shall be submitted to the Clerk and the Clerk shall docket the report and include the docket on the agenda of the next occurring meeting of the City Council.

Beginning in fiscal year 2028 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the City's Equity & Inclusion Cabinet shall design and publish an annual report for elected leadership, employees, and the public on the status & trends in equity in the City, measures of accountability for work plans, and results related to implementation of this ordinance. The report shall be submitted to the Clerk and the Clerk shall docket the report and include the docket on the agenda of the next-occurring meeting of the City Council.

The Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion shall be empowered to establish and modify requirements and protocols for data collection relating to this ordinance in consultation with the Department of Innovation and Technology.

Section 2-12.6.6 Council Equity Task Force:

Upon passage and the swearing-in of the Boston City Council, a task force shall be convened consisting of the City Council President, the Chair of the City Council Committee on Government Operations, one representative from each of the remaining individual City Councilor offices, the C-COE Director (appointed by the Central Staff Director), representatives from the Mayor's Office of Equity and Inclusion. The Council Equity Task Force shall be facilitated by the C-COE Director and co-vice-chaired by the City Council President and the Chair of the City Council Committee on Government Operations.

The Council President shall call a meeting to confirm and deliberate on the guidelines developed by the task force. These guidelines shall be reported to the Council in the form of a communication and will not require a formal vote. The task force shall have the discretion to engage a third party to support the development of these guidelines if deemed necessary.

The purpose of the task force is to adopt appropriate standards and procedures to achieve the goals outlined in Section 2-12.6.5.1, with an emphasis on ensuring clarity, equity, and efficiency in implementation. These standards shall include, but not be limited to:

- I. **Formats and Expectations:** Define specific formats and expectations for Ordinance, Home Rule Petition, and Budget Amendment Packet equity analyses
- II. **Engagement with Marginalized Communities:** Establish methods, mechanisms, and strategies to actively engage with marginalized communities experiencing racial and other disparities, promoting inclusivity and representation and increasing the influence of such communities in decision-making.
- III. **Guidelines for Committee Hearings:** Set clear guidelines for conducting committee hearings, both in Chamber and remote, to ensure fairness, inclusivity, and the consideration of diverse perspectives.

These standards shall aim to create a structured framework for promoting equity within the Boston City Council's operations and decision-making processes and shall be adopted within 30 business days of the passage of this ordinance or within 30 business days of the opening of the legislative Council cycle, during which time the Council shall continue to operate under the rules adopted by the previous Council Equity Task Force.

Section 2-12.7 Equity in Implementation

Section 2-12.7.1 Development of Equity Toolkits:

By fiscal year 2028, the Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion and the Department of Innovation and Technology shall work in consultation with the Top 5 departments by expenditure in the operating budget (expanding to the Top 10 by fiscal year 2029, and all departments, boards, commissions, cabinets, and offices by fiscal year 2030) within the City of Boston to develop and design individual Equity Toolkits to, at a minimum:

- I. Identify clear strategic initiatives, objectives, and measurable outcomes;
- II. Develop metrics to measure progress in redressing disparate health, educational, economic, and societal outcomes in the City based on age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language spoken, or perception thereof;
 - A. Pay equity analysis to identify and address pay disparities based on the above listed categories
 - B. Workforce demographic analysis to identify and address disparities in employment and promotional practices and procedures based on the above listed categories
 - C. Professional development analysis to monitor and enhance access to training and advancement opportunities to ensure equitable access to opportunities for career advancement
 - D. Accessibility audits to assess the accessibility of City facilities and services for individuals with disabilities identifying areas for improvement
 - E. Complaints and grievance analysis to identify and address patterns and disparities based on the above listed categories
- III. Each Equity Toolkit shall include steps to assess and mitigate unintended negative impacts of policies or programs. Departments must conduct pre-implementation equity impact assessments to identify potential disparities and gather early community feedback to inform adjustments. If adverse effects are identified, an "Equity Adjustment Plan" must outline corrective actions, timelines, and accountability measures. Regular monitoring through quarterly reviews and post-implementation evaluations will ensure ongoing oversight, with reports submitted to the Council for transparency.
- IV. Track and measure how programmatic and policy decisions benefit or burden individuals and communities based on age, race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, language spoken, or perception thereof; and
- V. Evaluate the efficacy of the City's strategic initiatives and programs aimed at reducing disparate outcomes resulting from an individual's or community's race, class, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, language spoken, or perception hereof

Equity Toolkits and initial reports shall be submitted by the relevant departments to the Clerk, who shall docket the report and include it on the agenda of the next City Council meeting.

The Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion, the Department of Innovation and Technology, and relevant departments shall revisit these Toolkits no sooner than 120 days before and no later than 60 days before the end of the Council term. A report detailing updates, improvements, and changes shall be submitted to the Clerk, who shall docket the report and include it on the agenda of the next City Council meeting.

Section 2-12.7.2 Policy and Program Equity Review:

By the start of fiscal year 2028, the Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion and the Department of Innovation and Technologies shall work in consultation with the individual Departments, Boards, Commissions, Cabinets, and Offices to establish appropriate standards by which to review policy

and programmatic impacts upon equity. Policies and programs shall be reviewed by the individual Departments, Boards, Commissions, Cabinets, and Offices annually thereafter to establish efficacy and impact.

Starting in fiscal year 2028, the departments required to fulfill these duties will include the Top 5 departments by expenditure in the operating budget. This requirement will expand to the Top 10 departments by fiscal year 2029. By fiscal year 2030, these standards shall apply to every department, board, commission, cabinet, and office within the City of Boston.

Section 2-12.7.3 Council Equity Training:

The Staff Director and Council President shall schedule at least one annual training on Equity, Implicit Bias, and Operationalization of Equity Practices. Training shall be mandatory for all Council members, Council staff, & City Council Central Staff, and strongly encouraged for interns & volunteers. If a staff member misses a training, the Staff Director and Council President will determine an acceptable action plan to ensure that all staff understand the information presented in the training.

Section 2-12.7.4 Executive Offices Equity Training:

The Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion shall schedule an annual training on Equity, Implicit Bias, and Operationalization of Equity Practices. Training will be mandatory for all Department, Board, Commission, Cabinet, & Office Chiefs and Deputies, and shall be made available to all City employees. If a staff member misses a training, the Mayor's Office of Equity & Inclusion will determine an acceptable action plan to ensure that all staff understand the information presented in the training.

Section Two.

If any provision of this shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Three.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

Filed in City Council: February 2, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, **Leo J. Bracken** sustained a violent fall, sustaining significant injuries, while in the performance of his duties due to gross neglect from the Boston Fire Department, and as a result is incapacitated from further service as a Fire Lieutenant; ***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 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENSION BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTER LEO J. BRACKEN

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the Boston retirement board shall increase the disability pension of Leo J. Bracken, a firefighter of the city of Boston, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties on October 17, 2019, is totally and permanently injured and incapacitated for further service as a firefighter.

(b) The annual amount of pension payable to Leo J. Bracken shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued in service as a firefighter of the City of Boston at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement until his death or reaching mandatory retirement age, whichever comes first. All amounts paid under this act shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state and federal law.

(c) Notwithstanding section 91A of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, Leo J. Bracken's annual earnings, when added to his retirement allowance, may annually earn up to 1/2 the amount of his retirement allowance without refund penalty.

(d) Upon attaining the mandatory retirement age for a firefighter of the City of Boston, Leo J. Bracken shall receive a pension pursuant to section 7 of chapter 32, a yearly amount of pension

equal to **100 per cent** of the annual rate of the compensation he was receiving on the day before he reaches the mandatory retirement age for a police officer in the City of Boston.

(e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the benefits granted herein shall be funded and administered by the Boston retirement board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Leo J. Bracken shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been, or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties on October 17, 2019, in accordance with sections 100 and 100B of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Boston retirement board shall forthwith pay to said Leo J. Bracken the amount credited to him as accumulated total deductions in the annuity savings fund of the Boston retirement board as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if Leo J. Bracken was married upon retirement, upon his death, if he is still married to the spouse to whom he was married to upon retirement then, should his spouse to whom he was married on the date of retirement survive him, the Boston retirement board shall pay to the spouse an annuity in the amount of 75 per cent of the amount of the pension which otherwise would have been payable to Leo J. Bracken until his spouse's death. The pension benefits provided for in this section and section 1 shall be subject to section 103 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed on: January 30, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE MISSION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND CHALLENGES AT THE OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY (OPAT)

WHEREAS: In December 2020, the City Council passed an ordinance to establish the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, an office that would have a Civilian Review Board and an Internal Affairs Oversight Panel to oversee complaints made against the Boston Police Department; *and*

WHEREAS: It's critical that the City Council holds a hearing to clarify the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency's goals and priorities and ensure they are clearly communicated to the public. It also allows for constructive oversight and dialogue to strengthen accountability, effectiveness, and public confidence in the office's work; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the mission, goals, objectives, and challenges at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency.

Filed on: January 29, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE SNOW REMOVAL RELIEF AND OPTIONS

WHEREAS, The January 2026 winter storm, named “Winter Storm Fern” by the Weather Channel, expanded across much of the country, impacting the southern and eastern United States most powerfully, with Boston receiving around two feet of snow over the course of 24 hours and several days of freezing temperatures the week after; *and*

WHEREAS, Climate change makes extreme weather events like Winter Storm Fern, summer heat waves, and fall hurricanes more common, requiring dynamic city services to fit the needs of our changing climate; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents work hard to clear their sidewalks and driveways as the City’s Public Works Department works hard to clear miles of city road, leading to public and private efforts colliding at the curb, with covered sidewalks and blocked driveways immediately following and days after the storm; *and*

WHEREAS, City crews continue to work at clearing and removing the remaining snow, even with overnight shifts, to address the blinding heights of snowbanks, covered streets, and inaccessible crosswalks, sidewalks, and ramps; *and*

WHEREAS, In regions where snow fall is more frequent and compounds due to consistently lower temperatures, other cities demonstrate the other efficient practices for snow removal, rather than clearing, as a means to manage the height and expanse of snowbanks, a major concern in our city in the wake of Winter Storm Fern; *and*

WHEREAS, Many residents, particularly those who are elderly or have disabilities may struggle to clear snow from their sidewalks which puts these neighbors at risk of fines and leaves parts of public sidewalks uncleared, with the only options of relief being helpful neighbors or costly private snow clearing companies; *and*

WHEREAS, Exploring programs that can provide relief to community members in need of support after storms with high snowfall can help to expedite the clearing of Boston’s sidewalks and streets, increasing community safety and maintaining access to public sidewalks; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on snow removal relief and practices. Officials from the Department of Public Works, Emergency Management, and community members will be invited to testify.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE ELEVATORS AT THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (BHA) RUTH BARKLEY APARTMENTS

WHEREAS: In recent years, aging elevators at Boston Housing Authority (BHA) developments have posed public safety concerns. Residents reported frequent breakdowns, being stuck in elevators, elevators skipping floors, and prolonged periods of disrepair. There are increasing concerns that these conditions violate federal and state laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); *and*

WHEREAS: Over the last two years, tenants at the Ruth Barkley Apartments in the South End reported frequent elevator breakdowns, with multiple elevators facing long-term outages. In December 2024, residents complained that two of the elevators at the complex had been out of service for a year while another had been operating on and off since Thanksgiving Day. Last year, due to an elevator failure on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving for two days through the holiday morning, many residents at Ruth Barkley apartments were forced to alter and cancel plans with their families - nevermind the inability to go about their daily responsibilities like appointments or picking up prescriptions during that period of time; *and*

WHEREAS: Due to these outages, residents, including seniors and persons with disabilities shared the challenges of not being able to go about their daily lives, such as getting groceries, picking up medication, staying active, going to medical, family and social appointments, and accessing basic services. A resident missed two chemotherapy sessions as a result of the elevator outage, and residents on higher floors complained of the isolation and negative impact that the prolonged outages had on their physical and mental health; *and*

WHEREAS: In January 2025, the BHA reported that it has put a bid out for a design contract for the modernisation of eight elevators at the Ruth Barkley Apartment. It also reported that it has offered transfers to households who are concerned with continuing to rely on a single elevator cab; *and*

WHEREAS: Elevator access is essential for our seniors and persons with disabilities. It is imperative that BHA continues to communicate these plans and protocols in a timely manner to residents, and ensure that residents do not continue to miss critical check ups, screenings and appointments; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the latest status of the BHA Elevator Modernisation at the Ruth Barkley Apartments and plans to accommodate those who need to go to critical

appointments during elevator outages. Representatives from the Boston Housing Authority and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 30, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S (HUD) REPORT OF BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (BHA)

WHEREAS: Established in 1935, Boston Housing Authority (BHA) is the largest housing provider in Boston and oversees approximately 10,000 rental units of public housing in Boston and houses more than 17,000 people under its public housing program; *and*

WHEREAS: On February 25, 2025, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General released a report on the BHA and found that BHA “did not consistently maintain its program units and buildings public housing program units in decent, safe, and sanitary condition and in good repair,” and “did not consistently perform its annual self inspections and correct identified deficiencies in a timely manner.”; *and*

WHEREAS: The audit reported that both public housing units and buildings had deficiencies, and that these deficiencies - categorized into life-threatening and non-life threatening - were not addressed in a timely manner; *and*

WHEREAS: The report found that 31 out of 36 housing units that were inspected had deficiencies, and over a third had life threatening deficiencies that needed to be corrected within 24 hours. Of the 29 buildings that were inspected, over 80% had 105 deficiencies; *and*

WHEREAS: The types of life threatening deficiencies include missing or inoperable smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, security hazards, blocked egress, electrical hazards, and inoperable fire exits were found in units and buildings. Over half of the deficiencies had existed at the time of the authority’s last inspections; *and*

WHEREAS: In addition, the authority’s assistant directors and program maintenance supervisors did not meet their monthly 5% reinspection threshold. More concerning, the report shared that BHA provided the last quarterly inspection report for only 7 of the BHA’s 24 buildings with deficiencies, and that it could not locate the last quarterly report for the remaining 17 buildings; *and*

WHEREAS: In November 2024, the Boston City Council held a hearing to discuss issues relating to frequent elevator breakdown issues at the Ruth Barkley BHA Apartments. This is but one of a larger, more concerning scale of problems within BHA housing. In October 2025, the City Council held a follow up hearing on this issue; *and*

WHEREAS: Our public housing residents are some of the most vulnerable residents in the City. Boston must not allow its low-income and elderly housing to fall into despair; *and*

WHEREAS: It is critical that we discuss the issues at the BHA to see how we can best support their work to ensure that it gets back on track in addressing the deficiencies identified in the HUD report. We must ensure that all units meet HUD's and BHA's own requirements and that our public housing residents live in a safe, decent and sanitary environment with their units and buildings in a state of good repair; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the concerning HUD report of the BHA and the changes needed to comply with all requirements in order to make substantial improvements for our low income and elderly residents housing. Representatives from the Boston Housing Authority and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 29, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE LUNG CANCER RATES AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN VETERANS

WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among U.S. Veterans, with African-American veterans facing higher risks due to military-related exposures like asbestos. As the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) states, “Veterans have a 25% to 76% higher risk of lung cancer,” and “asbestos exposure remains a significant contributor to this elevated risk”; *and*

WHEREAS: African-American veterans experience disparities in diagnosis, treatment, and survival rates compared to other groups. While Boston’s Black population has a lower incidence of lung cancer than the national average, the five-year survival rate among African-Americans is “11% lower than that of white Americans,” according to The American Lung Association. Early diagnosis rates are also lower, suggesting a need for improved access to care; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has a responsibility to address the unique challenges African-American veterans face in lung cancer care. “Improving the care of patients” is essential, as noted by Dr. Brid M. Ryan the lead researcher on a study about racial disparities in lung cancer, to “leverage research findings to improve outcomes,” especially for communities of color like African-American veterans who may face distinct biological and treatment response factors; *and*

WHEREAS: There are a number of organizations in Boston that are dedicated to ensuring veterans receive medical services, such as the Boston VA Health Care System. The Boston VA provides healthcare services to veterans at increased risk of illnesses such as lung cancer through cancer care that aim to facilitate early detection and treatment with advanced therapies tailored to address racial discrepancies; *and*

WHEREAS: The Veteran Outreach Center at the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center is also vital for linking Boston veterans from marginalized communities to resources and healthcare services through tailored outreach initiatives that educate on detection and treatment choices while addressing disparities in healthcare access; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss disparities in Lung cancer among African-American veterans in Boston. Representatives from the City of Boston Veterans Services, medical professionals, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 30, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS SERVICES FOR WOMEN VETERANS

- WHEREAS:** Since the US military ended conscription and established an all-volunteer force in 1973, the number of women serving in the military has risen significantly. Although women currently comprise of nearly 20% of serving military personnel and 10% of the veteran population, many women veterans do not receive proper recognition for their services and face a host of issues when they re-enter civilian life; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Despite serving nine million enrolled veterans annually, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) does not have medical facilities that provide the necessary and adequate maternity care for women veterans, particularly with issues related to mental illness. These medical providers instead refer them to providers in the community; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The VA Office of Women's Health recently reported that women comprise 30% of all new Veterans Health Administration (VHA) patients, and 3 out of 4 women veterans who used VA health services in FY19 had an urban residence, but the number of rural women is increasing; *and*
- WHEREAS:** VA hospitals often struggle to provide gender specific medical care for our women veterans, even as women are the fastest growing population in the VA. The *Deborah Sampson Act* seeks to address this issue by requiring the VA to offer primary care for female veterans at all medical centers and clinics, and provide access to counseling to women who suffered service-related sexual trauma as well as those who are at risk of becoming homeless; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Recent efforts to improve VA care for women veterans include S. 3526, *Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act*, sponsored by U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen of Nevada and introduced to the Senate on December 14, 2023, will require each VA medical center to create a lactation station for nursing veterans, and S.5210, *BRAVE Act of 2024*, sponsored by Senator Jon Tester of Montana, which is a bill to improve mental health services at the VA, including introducing a study on the effectiveness of suicide prevention and mental health outreach programs of Department of Veterans Affairs for women veterans; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is found that 25% of women veterans experience Military Sexual Trauma (MST) during military service, putting them at increased risk for depression, substance abuse, and PTSD. Some women veterans also do not reach out for services due to anxiety of having to return to a military-related environment and it is found that women veterans are twice more likely to commit suicide than their male counterparts; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Women veterans are also more likely to struggle with childcare and homelessness. Many women veterans are single with dependent children and receive lower compensation for civilian work after their time in the service. According to the VA, women veterans are twice as likely to experience homelessness than those that did not serve in the military, and 1-2% of

all women veterans and 13-15% of women veterans living in poverty will experience homelessness over the course of a year; *and*

WHEREAS: Women veterans also experience difficulty in finding work related to their occupation in the military as they are commonly male-dominated fields, and most lack the college education needed to enter the service sector; *and*

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts, The Women Veterans' Network of the Department of Veterans' Services was established in 1997 with the vision of being the central resource for women veterans in Massachusetts. They meet regularly to discuss concerns facing women veterans and provide them with information and support; *and*

WHEREAS: We must recognize the challenges that women veterans face when returning home and that they receive the necessary healthcare and support, in particular to those who have experienced assault. We must make sure there are better transitional programs to align women veterans with suitable civilian jobs. There are many unoccupied positions in the VA, especially counselors and we need to make sure a higher percentage of new hires are women; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the services for our women veterans, the Boston Office of Veterans Services, the V.A., veterans organizations, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: January 30, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY STUDY

- WHEREAS:** The South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library provides a space for learning, access to critical sources of information, and educational resources for residents in the South Boston neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Since 2022, the City of Boston has allocated \$250,000 in the Capital Plan for a South Boston Branch Library Study to conduct a facility assessment and develop a building program that reflects the BPL's Compass Principles and supports the needs of the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This Study would then contribute towards the design and construction of a new branch library in South Boston to meet the growing needs of the community; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The South Boston Branch Library Study has been marked as “to be scheduled” since first appearing in the FY 2022 Capital Plan as a New Project. Including this upcoming fiscal year, the project will have been on the City’s Capital Plan Budget for four years; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that our Capital Plan projects are enacted in a timely manner. Neighbors in the community are eager to get an update on the status of the South Boston Library, and be engaged in the development of this important public resource; *and*
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:** That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study. Representatives from the Boston Public Library, the Budget Department, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 30, 2026

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SERVICE PROVISION AND SPENDING FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

- WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools enrolls more than 17,000 English Learners, representing approximately 31 percent of the District's total student population, with an additional 7,000 students identified as former English Learners; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Approximately 4,000 English Learners in Boston also have disabilities and often face systemic barriers to receiving integrated, legally required supports that address both language acquisition and special education needs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Federal and state law, including the LOOK Act, affirms the right of English Learners to meaningful access to instruction, including native language instruction where appropriate, yet Boston Public Schools has not publicly articulated a comprehensive, districtwide operational plan to implement native language access for English Learners or English Learners with disabilities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice found that Boston Public Schools violated the civil rights of English Learners by failing to provide appropriate services, leading to more than a decade of federal monitoring that concluded in 2024, raising concerns about the adequacy of current self-monitoring and public accountability mechanisms; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Academic outcome data continue to show severe disparities for English Learners, including persistently low MCAS proficiency rates in English Language Arts, math, and science, and higher dropout rates compared to non-English Learner peers; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools has received substantial local, state, and federal funding in recent years to expand multilingual and bilingual programming, including federal relief funds and a significant annual operating budget allocation for multilingual education, yet access to high-quality bilingual and dual-language programs remains limited to a small fraction of eligible students; *and*

WHEREAS, Only a small percentage of English Learners are currently enrolled in dual-language programs, despite research demonstrating that bilingual and dual-language models improve academic outcomes, long-term English proficiency, and student well-being; *and*

WHEREAS, Data is routinely collected and reported on educator racial diversity, yet limited public information exists regarding educator language diversity, bilingual certification pipelines, staffing capacity, and long-term workforce planning to meet the needs of a multilingual student population; *and*

WHEREAS, Recent resignations from the Boston Public Schools English Learners Task Force and continued concerns raised by families, educators, advocates, and community organizations reflect unresolved questions about program design, placement practices, transparency, and the return on investment of current service models; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has a responsibility to provide oversight of public education systems and ensure transparency, accountability, and equitable use of public funds, particularly where large-scale investments have not resulted in improved outcomes for historically underserved students; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine government transparency, accountability, and accessibility in the provision of services and the use of public funds for English Learners and English Learners with disabilities in the City of Boston, including but not limited to a review of spending levels, funding sources, and return on investment; compliance with state and federal legal requirements, including the LOOK Act; program placement models, access to native language instruction, and enrollment patterns; staffing capacity, educator language diversity, and workforce development pipelines; and academic outcomes, service delivery for English Learners with disabilities, and post-Department of Justice monitoring practices. Representatives from Boston Public Schools, the Boston School Committee, the Office of Multicultural and Multilingual Education, the English Learners Task Force, educators, advocates, families, individuals with lived experience, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: February 4, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

- WHEREAS,** One of the fundamental responsibilities of the Boston City Council is to ensure accountability, transparency, and accessibility in all city business, including the planning, governance, and operations of Boston Public Schools; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In the 2025–2026 school year, Boston Public Schools serves approximately 44,416 students, of whom 24.2 percent are students with disabilities, reflecting a continued and growing need for robust, well-resourced special education services; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Special Education budget totals over \$421 million in FY26, representing an increase of approximately \$3.9 million, or 1 percent, from FY25, and accounting for nearly one-quarter of the total BPS operating budget; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This investment supports more than 11,500 students with disabilities including students receiving services across in-district programs, substantially separate classrooms, and out-of-district placements; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools continues to report persistent staffing shortages in special education, including unfilled positions that may contribute to service delays, unfulfilled Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), increased reliance on costly out-of-district placements, and inequitable access to legally required supports; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Despite the scale of investment, families, educators, and advocates have raised ongoing concerns regarding service consistency, staffing stability, compliance with federal and state special education mandates, and whether current spending levels are translating into improved student outcomes and long-term system sustainability; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has a duty to evaluate whether major public investments are being deployed effectively, equitably, and in alignment with student needs, particularly when they represent a significant and growing share of the City’s education budget; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review Boston Public Schools’ Green New Deal, broader facilities planning efforts, and any current or proposed school closures, mergers, consolidations, or reconfigurations. The hearing shall examine planning processes, decision-making frameworks, use of public funds, equity and climate impacts, and accountability mechanisms. Representatives from Boston Public Schools, parents, students, educators, community organizations, and members of the public shall be invited and encouraged to attend.

Filed in Council: February 4, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT MENTAL HEALTH CURRICULUM AND SERVICES IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS,** In 2021, the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) and Children’s Hospital Association declared a national emergency in children’s mental health, citing the serious toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on top of existing challenges; *and*
- WHEREAS,** According to the Health of Boston From 2015 to 2021, Boston’s youth increasingly reported feelings of persistent sadness, and adults increasingly reported feelings of persistent sadness or anxiety; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Despite such high prevalence, according to Active Minds 67% of people 18-24 with anxiety or depression don't seek treatment, and suicide remains one of the top five major causes of death for children and young adults aged 12-19 according to the CDC; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools currently houses a Department of Behavioral Health Services (BHS), which employs a number of school psychologists and social workers, describes their services as providing direct individual student services like counseling and assessment, in addition to serving on the district crisis team, responsible for supporting school communities following large impact crises; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Due to the work of dedicated advocates across the city, Boston has recently made the push to secure a nurse in every school and to provide adequate access to social services and school psychologist, but these are services that are often provided outside of the classroom and are not incorporated into the general curriculum; *and*
- WHEREAS,** While schools across the country and in Boston emphasize the teaching of physical health, nutritional health, and sexual health, very few have substantively incorporated mental health as a part of their curriculum; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A poll conducted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness found that 87% of respondents support mental health education in schools, and 70% support mental health days for students; *and*

WHEREAS, In California, Senate Bill No. 224 requires each school district, county office of education, state special school, and charter school that offers one or more courses in health education to pupils in middle school or high school to include in those courses instruction in mental health that meets the requirements of the bill, as specified.; *and*

WHEREAS, In March 2024, the City of Boston announced an investment of \$21 million in federal funding to address urgent behavioral health needs within Boston Public Schools, including expanding the number of behavioral health specialists, strengthening district policies and systems, and building a more diverse workforce equipped to support Boston’s students;; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council and Boston Public Schools has an obligation to ensure that our students are nurtured, cared for, and set up for success in all aspects of health, including mental health; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the establishment of a mental health curriculum in Boston Public Schools. Representatives from the City of Boston, Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Teachers Union, BEJA, New Generations and Associates, youth leaders, members of the public, and any other interested parties shall be invited and are encouraged to attend.

Filed in Council: February 4, 2026

Offered by City Councilor Julia Mejia



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTCOMES OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS,** The Boston Public Schools' Code of Conduct was first updated in 2013 to include restorative justice as one possible alternative to suspension; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Restorative justice is an alternative approach to preventing and addressing harm, as well as a method utilized to break the school-to-prison pipeline; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Schools that use restorative justice practices to empower students to resolve conflicts on their own and in small groups with counselors and social workers contribute to a drastic reduction in suspension and expulsion rates, with students reporting feeling happier and safer; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Since the inclusion of restorative justice in the BPS Code of Conduct in 2013, BPS has failed to inform the public of the extent to which restorative justice has been meaningfully and successfully implemented throughout the District. Therefore, we are requesting a full audit of the BPS Office of Restorative Justice to provide us with data as it relates to the office's practices and the results as it pertains to the impact and outcomes; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit the implementation and outcomes of Restorative Justice practices in Boston Public Schools. Representatives from Boston Public Schools, particularly the Department of Student and Community Impact, the Office of Restorative Justice and Behavioral Health Services, as well as advocacy organizations such as the NAACP Boston, ACLU of Massachusetts, Lawyers for Civil Rights, Citizens for Juvenile Justice, Massachusetts Advocates for Children, The EdLaw Project, Center for Restorative Justice at Suffolk, mental health advocates, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed in Council: February 4, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING ADDRESSING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOL LUNCHES AND THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

- WHEREAS,** One of the fundamental responsibilities of the Boston City Council is to promote equity, student well-being, and academic success for all Boston Public Schools (BPS) students; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Research shows that when students perceive school meals as low quality or unappealing, participation declines, meals are skipped, and students' ability to concentrate and engage in school is negatively impacted; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The My Way Café program was piloted during the 2017–2018 school year in four East Boston schools. In 2020, BPS expanded the program districtwide, investing in school food infrastructure through the construction, renovation, or retrofitting of on-site kitchens; *and*
- WHEREAS,** BPS has increased local food sourcing as part of its nutrition strategy, supporting both student health and the regional food economy; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recent federal cuts to the Local Food for Schools program have created uncertainty for districts seeking to maintain fresh, locally sourced food options amid rising costs and the loss of pandemic-era aid; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many students rely on school meals as a primary source of nutrition, and disparities in access to appealing, nutritious food can widen existing achievement gaps; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Addressing school food quality and student satisfaction requires meaningful student and family voice in decision-making; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine student satisfaction with school lunches and the relationship between school food, student well-being, and the achievement gap in Boston Public Schools. This hearing shall include a review of participation rates, food quality and cultural responsiveness, kitchen infrastructure investments, local sourcing practices, and the sustainability of funding.

Filed in Council: February 4, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PEST CONTROL AND THE DISCOVERY OF LEPTOSPIROSIS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Pest control is critical to our residents' quality of life, as rats and rodents are not only a nuisance, but they also impact public health, the sanitization of our neighborhoods, and the maintenance of our properties; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There has been a dramatic rise in rodent and pest activities in our neighborhoods since the COVID-19 pandemic, with residents and businesses reporting to 311 about the increase of rats and other rodents on our streets and homes; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Last year, a Tufts University study on the Boston Urban Rat population found that rats in Boston are carrying and spreading leptospirosis, a bacterial disease that impacts both humans and other animals. Leptospirosis is spread by the urine of infected animals through contact with infected soil and water; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The spread of leptospirosis has been aided by climate change, as the bacteria thrives in warmer conditions. There are concerns on how this may impact vulnerable populations such as the homeless, as well as our street cleaners and sanitary health workers, and those who come in regular contact with animals; *and*
- WHEREAS:** This Tufts University report reinforces the urgent need for the City of Boston to make pest control a top priority. Following last year's release of the city's Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP), it is important to review if the initiative is delivering results, and to revisit the recommendation of the study's author, renowned rodent urbanologist Dr. Bobby Corrigan for the creation of a dedicated position of a "rat czar", as New York City implemented in 2023; *and*
- WHEREAS:** With warmer temperatures impacting Boston in the longer term, the city should have concrete measures in place to adequately tackle the rise in rodent activities and the spread of potential diseases, including more inspections, public awareness campaigns and public outreach with language access; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Currently, pest control continues to be a cross-departmental effort in the City of Boston. It is critical that the city continues to devote the necessary resources and attention to this significant quality of life and public health issue. Having a dedicated position and office on pest control could allow us to better focus on the issue, provide a more streamlined and coordinated process in reducing pests, and come up with more innovative ways in preventing pest infestations; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss measures for pest control and reducing the spread of leptospirosis in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Inspectional Services Department, Code Enforcement, Public Works, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: July 9, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS RETAIL THEFT AND THE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Residents and small business owners continue to call attention to the retail theft across the City of Boston. Retail theft impacts not only our small businesses due to the loss of merchandise, but it also incentivizes raising prices for consumers on goods to compensate for lost revenue; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents also have concerns about the consequences of theft on their quality of life. For years, due to the impacts of the opioid crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic, retailers have been forced to lock up products - from soap and shower products, razor blades, baby formula, and others. More often than not, consumers are required to press a button to call a clerk to unlock, access, and purchase everyday household items; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Beginning in 2019, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office implemented a policy that would look to dismiss most cases involving 15 nonviolent misdemeanors - including trespassing, shoplifting (including offenses that are essentially shoplifting but charged as larceny), larceny under \$250, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, receiving stolen property, breaking and entering - where it is into a vacant property or where it is for the purpose of sleeping or seeking refuge from the cold and there is no actual damage to property, drug possession, and drug possession with intent to distribute; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to the data from the Council on Criminal Justice, a nonpartisan think tank, shoplifting increased in Boston by 27% from the first half of 2023 through the same period in 2024, and 55% from the first half of 2019 to the same period in 2024. Industry experts have also noted those figures may be conservative estimates due to varying policies between stores on reporting low-level offenses; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2018, the larceny limit was raised from \$250 to \$1,200. Any theft under that amount is considered shoplifting, a misdemeanor that can result in one year in jail or a \$300 fine. Felony larceny, on the other hand, can carry up to five years in prison or a \$25,000 fine. Because the penalties for shoplifting are much lighter, it reduces the risk of serious punishment and may potentially encourage repeat offenders and sophisticated criminals, as small businesses have called attention to offender awareness of the \$1,200 larceny threshold; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to reports in 2023, Boston Police Commissioner Cox indicated, shoplifting increased by 93% compared to 2019. More recently, according to the Citywide Part One Property Crime report, the category of "Other Larceny" has increased from 4,046 from January 1, 2024 to July 6, 2024 to 4,185 from January

1, 2025 to July 6, 2025; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston's Safe Shopping Initiative partners with Boston Police, the District Attorney's office, and local businesses to address shoplifting and prevent shoplifting from becoming violent; *and*

WHEREAS: Due to both the opioid and Mass & Cass crisis, increased shoplifting in recent years, and quality of life concerns from residents simply purchasing household items, it is appropriate to discuss the impact of retail theft on our residents and small businesses. It is critical to address these concerns, evaluate the impacts of recent and existing policies, and take meaningful steps to protect the city's economic vitality and quality of life of those who live, work, and shop here; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the impact of retail theft on small businesses and the residents of Boston. Representatives from the Boston Police, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the Law Department, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 30, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING ELDER
SCAMMING AND FRAUD PREVENTION**

WHEREAS: The City of Boston is home to a growing population of older adults, many of whom are aging in place and rely on City services, consumer protections, and public safety outreach to remain safe and independent; and

WHEREAS: Older adults are frequently targeted by scams and fraudulent schemes related to home repair, utilities, financial services, health coverage, technology support, and housing, often through phone calls, door-to-door solicitations, text messages, emails, and online platforms; and

WHEREAS: Elder scams, fraud, and financial exploitation are increasing and remain a significant concern for the Boston Police Department, City agencies, and communities across Boston, particularly as these schemes continue to evolve; and

WHEREAS: Older residents may be particularly vulnerable to scams due to social isolation, language barriers, disability access needs, grief, or unfamiliarity with rapidly changing technology and financial tools; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston, through the Age Strong Commission, provides education, outreach, and support services to help older adults remain safe, informed, and connected, including programming designed to prevent financial exploitation and fraud; and

WHEREAS: Age Strong works directly with senior centers, community-based organizations, caregivers, and older residents to share information about common scam tactics, warning signs, and prevention strategies, with a focus on accessibility and language equity; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Police Department plays a critical role in protecting older adults by issuing Community Alerts, investigating fraud and financial exploitation, and conducting community-based outreach related to scam prevention; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Police Department has issued repeated warnings regarding home improvement and contractor fraud, impersonation scams, urgent payment demands, and schemes in which small quoted repairs escalate into significant financial losses for seniors; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing provides consumer protections through business licensing, complaint investigation, enforcement actions, and public education aimed at preventing deceptive and predatory practices; and

WHEREAS: Coordination among Age Strong, the Boston Police Department, and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing is essential to strengthening the City's ability to prevent elder scamming, respond to complaints, and protect older residents from financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS: Boston's older residents have the right to age in place and to feel safe in their homes, finances, and communities, free from fraud, coercion, and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council shall hold a hearing to examine how the City of Boston is working to prevent elder scamming and financial exploitation, including but not limited to:

1. Current scam trends impacting older adults in Boston
2. Education, outreach, and prevention efforts led by the Age Strong Commission
3. Boston Police Department Community Alerts, investigations, and community engagement related to elder scams and fraud
4. Consumer protection, licensing, complaint investigation, and enforcement efforts by the Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing
5. Opportunities to strengthen coordination, communication, and public awareness across City departments

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That representatives from the Age Strong Commission, the Boston Police Department, the Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing, and other relevant City officials shall be invited to testify.

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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING THROUGH THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

WHEREAS: The Boston Public Library system serves as a critical public resource for residents of all ages, providing access to information, education, technology, and community-based services across neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Branch libraries often function as frontline access points for City services, particularly for youth, families, immigrants, residents with disabilities, and individuals navigating digital or language barriers; and

WHEREAS: The services and programming offered through branch libraries extend beyond traditional library functions and may include digital literacy support, technology access, benefits navigation, educational programming, workforce resources, and community space for City and partner programs; and

WHEREAS: Access to library services, staffing capacity, programming availability, hours of operation, and physical accessibility may vary across neighborhoods, raising questions about equity and consistency within the City's library system; and

WHEREAS: Residents with disabilities and families navigating complex needs may depend on libraries as accessible, trusted spaces, making accessibility, staff training, and service coordination especially important; and

WHEREAS: A citywide assessment of library-based services and programming can help identify gaps, best practices, and opportunities for improved coordination across City departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council shall hold a hearing to examine the role of the Boston Public Library system in delivering equitable access to services and programming across neighborhoods, including but not limited to:

1. The range of services and programming currently offered at branch libraries across the City
2. Variations in staffing, hours, programming, and service capacity among neighborhood branches
3. Accessibility of library services for residents with disabilities and families navigating complex needs
4. Coordination between the Boston Public Library and other City departments
5. Opportunities to strengthen equity, consistency, and citywide access to library-based services

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That representatives from the Boston Public Library and other relevant City officials shall be invited to testify.



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING NAVIGATING CITY SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS WITH COMPLEX FAMILY AND CAREGIVING NEEDS

WHEREAS: Many Boston residents rely on multiple City departments and service systems at the same time to meet basic needs related to housing, education, caregiving, health, employment, and family stability; and

WHEREAS: Residents navigating more than one City system often face barriers related to coordination, communication, eligibility requirements, language access, accessibility, and differing departmental processes; and

WHEREAS: Certain family and caregiving situations may require residents to interact with multiple City services simultaneously, including but not limited to grandparents or extended family members raising children, families residing in Boston Housing Authority developments, and households supporting children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Caregivers raising children outside of traditional parent-child structures may need to navigate education systems, youth programming, housing supports, benefits access, and City services without clear pathways or coordinated assistance; and

WHEREAS: Families of students with disabilities often must navigate not only the public school system, but also additional City services related to recreation, transportation, housing accommodations, youth employment, and community-based supports; and

WHEREAS: Residents living in Boston Housing Authority communities may experience additional barriers to accessing City services due to housing instability, mobility challenges, or lack of centralized information and coordination; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston delivers services through a range of departments within the Human Services Cabinet and across other City agencies, and improved coordination can reduce duplication, confusion, and gaps for residents with complex needs; and

WHEREAS: A clearer understanding of how residents experience City services across departments can help identify opportunities to improve access, coordination, and outcomes without creating new systems or burdens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council shall hold a hearing to examine how residents with complex family and caregiving needs navigate City services across departments, including but not limited to:

1. How City departments coordinate services for residents interacting with multiple systems at once
2. Barriers faced by grandparents, extended family caregivers, and kinship families raising children
3. Challenges for families of students with disabilities navigating City services beyond the school system
4. Access to City services for residents living in Boston Housing Authority developments
5. Communication, language access, and accessibility across City departments
6. Opportunities to improve coordination, navigation, and resident-centered service delivery without increasing administrative burden

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That representatives from relevant departments within the Human Services Cabinet, along with other City departments that interact with families and caregivers, shall be invited to testify.

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OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COSTS AND BARRIERS TO BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Boston is in the midst of a housing crisis that is displacing longtime residents, increasing costs for renters, and making it more difficult to build affordable housing units; *and*

WHEREAS, The City is committed to the construction of affordable units and has made investments in the preservation and construction of these units throughout all neighborhoods in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2023, Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy was amended to require projects with seven or more units to set aside 17 percent of their units for income-restricted housing with an additional 3 percent of units set aside for households with mobile housing vouchers in large rental projects; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2024, the Boston City Council approved the appropriation of \$110 million towards the Housing Accelerator Fund, a joint endeavor between the Council and the Mayor to provide novel solutions to the housing crisis; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program launched in 2016 with the goal of supporting the acquisition and preservation of affordable housing in Boston with zero-interest loans to responsible owner-investors. Mayor Michelle Wu's investment of over \$56 million of federal resources into this program accelerated its expansion and allowed it to meet its goal of preserving over 1,000 affordable units in Boston from being lost to the speculative market by early 2025; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2024, the Mayor launched the Boston Acquisition Fund, a public-private revolving fund that provides developers with low-interest loans to help them acquire and preserve affordable housing across Boston's neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS, In May 2025, the Mayor approved amendments from the Boston City Council that included more investment in the Tenant Stabilization Fund, more rental vouchers, and more homeownership vouchers. She also signed an ordinance passed by this body to prioritize surplus municipal property as affordable housing; *and*

WHEREAS, Developers increasingly claim that promises to build affordable housing cannot be met due to increased costs of materials, labor, and borrowing; *and*

WHEREAS, Data from the City of Boston indicates that since 2023 less than half of the inclusionary zoning units approved are actually being built; *and*

WHEREAS, Councilors have increasingly seen developers with projects that have already been approved go back to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) seeking a project change to lower the amount of affordable units in their project. Current rules at the BPDA do not require further public process before having these proposed project changes heard by the BPDA, leading to confusion and questions from both future residents and neighbors and advocates who achieved hard-fought wins for affordability; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the status of building affordable housing units in the City of Boston, to discuss the challenges that developers face to meet commitments made and to hear from housing advocates about ways to address the financial realities that are contributing to less affordable housing being built in Boston.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING SENIOR PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES ACROSS THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: Boston is home to a growing population of older adults who rely on City services, community-based programming, and trusted partners to remain healthy, connected, and able to age in place; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston provides senior-focused programming and services through the Age Strong Commission, including education, wellness programming, social engagement, and support services for older residents; and

WHEREAS: Senior programming is also delivered through Boston Centers for Youth and Families, community centers, and neighborhood-based facilities that serve as important access points for older adults across the City; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Centers for Youth and Families plays a role in providing space and programming that supports intergenerational engagement, wellness, and social connection for seniors; and

WHEREAS: The City partners with external organizations, including the Ethos, to provide critical services such as housing stability support, nutrition assistance, care coordination, and case management for older adults; and

WHEREAS: The availability, scope, and accessibility of senior programming and services may vary across neighborhoods, facilities, and providers, making a citywide assessment essential to understanding equity, gaps, and best practices; and

WHEREAS: A coordinated, citywide view of senior services is necessary to ensure that older adults across Boston have equitable access to programming and supports that promote aging with dignity, safety, and connection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council shall hold a hearing to examine senior programming and services across the City of Boston, including but not limited to:

1. Senior-focused programming offered through the Age Strong Commission

2. The role of Boston Centers for Youth and Families in supporting senior programming and access
3. Partnerships with external agencies providing senior services, including housing, nutrition, and care coordination
4. Equity and consistency in access to senior programming across neighborhoods and facilities
5. Opportunities to improve coordination, communication, and citywide planning for senior services

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That representatives from the Age Strong Commission, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Ethos, and other relevant City officials and service providers shall be invited to testify.

Filed in City Council: February 4, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EVALUATE THE PROGRESS AND IMPACT OF THE CITY'S PILOT PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) PROGRAM

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is home to world-class educational, medical, and cultural institutions that contribute significantly our economy and character and provide wide-ranging benefits to the City through education, healthcare, research, employment, and community engagement; however, while they represent nearly one-fifth of the city's real estate value, as private nonprofits, many are tax-exempt; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program was established to encourage these tax-exempt institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the City of Boston to help offset the burden placed on taxpayers to fund essential city services such as police and fire protection, snow removal, and infrastructure maintenance, which these institutions utilize; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Property taxes make up a significant portion of the City's budget; in FY 2025 71.1% of the City's revenue came from the property taxes. With declining commercial property values increasing the burden on Boston homeowners, PILOT contributions are vital to ease the financial burden of providing city services; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2011, the City implemented a framework based on PILOT Task Force recommendations targeting any private nonprofit institution with property holdings exceeding \$15 million. Under these guidelines, participants are asked to contribute 25% of their estimated property tax value, with the option to offset up to 50% through qualifying community benefits; *and*
- WHEREAS,** PILOT Community Benefits are programs and services above and beyond an institution's existing commitments and mission, and ones that uniquely benefit our residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In fiscal year 2024, participating institutions collectively contributed 76% of the total PILOT requested amount, representing approximately 1% of the City's budget; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City recently negotiated a new PILOT agreement with Northeastern University that includes a 40% increase in annual cash contributions over the next

five years, and it presents important lessons regarding the City's approach to negotiations and the PILOT framework; *and*

WHEREAS, PILOT agreements are voluntary, traditionally uncodified, and negotiated on an ad hoc basis between individual institutions and the Administration; and as the City has discussed creating a more reliable schedule and clearer procedures, enhanced collaboration with the City Council and public transparency have the potential to strengthen the program; *and*

WHEREAS, Continued partnership with nonprofit institutions through the PILOT program is essential to ensuring that both financial contributions and community benefits meaningfully support Boston residents and communities, and that the program evolves toward a more effective framework; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review the implementation and impact of the City's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program and identify opportunities to strengthen transparency, accountability, and effectiveness. Representatives from relevant City departments and other relevant stakeholders shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: February 2, 2026

BY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING YOUTH SUMMER JOBS, ACCESS, AND READINESS FOR THE UPCOMING SUMMER

WHEREAS: Summer youth employment is a proven tool for supporting the social, emotional, and economic well-being of young people, while also strengthening families and communities across the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS: Access to meaningful summer employment provides young people with opportunities to build confidence, develop job readiness and life skills, establish positive relationships with adults and peers, earn income, and engage in structured, supportive environments during the summer months; and

WHEREAS: Summer jobs serve as a critical preventive and healing strategy, particularly for young people facing barriers related to trauma, housing instability, family caregiving responsibilities, disability, or involvement with multiple City systems; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston administers youth summer employment programming through the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, including partnerships with community-based organizations and employers to deliver job placements and workforce development opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Despite sustained demand from youth and families across Boston, barriers such as limited outreach, application challenges, placement mismatches, accessibility gaps, staffing capacity, and insufficient program funding can result in unfilled positions or inequitable access to opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Ensuring equitable access to youth summer employment must include intentional outreach, accommodations, and program design so that youth with disabilities have the same opportunities to participate, succeed, and benefit from summer jobs as their peers; and

WHEREAS: Ensuring that youth summer employment programs are fully funded, adequately staffed, and accessible across all neighborhoods is essential to meeting the needs of Boston's young people and supporting families during the summer months; and

WHEREAS: Early planning, clear communication, and coordination across City departments and community partners are critical to maximizing participation, supporting employers, and ensuring successful outcomes for youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council shall hold a hearing to examine the City of Boston's youth summer employment programs and preparedness for the upcoming summer, including but not limited to:

1. The City's goals, capacity, and projected number of youth job placements for the upcoming summer
2. Outreach, application, and placement processes, including barriers to access for youth and families
3. Accessibility, accommodations, and support for youth with disabilities and other youth facing barriers to participation
4. Support for youth with identified risk factors or involvement with multiple City systems
5. Staffing, funding levels, and operational readiness within the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment
6. Partnerships with community-based organizations and employers to ensure quality, equitable job opportunities
7. Strategies to ensure that available youth summer jobs are filled and aligned with the needs of Boston's young people

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That representatives from the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, the Mayor's Office, Youth Engagement and Advancement, the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity, and other relevant City officials and community partners shall be invited to testify.

Filed in City Council: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW AND STRENGTHEN BOSTON'S SUMMER SAFETY AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING PLAN

WHEREAS, Boston experiences violence year-round, and the summer season can intensify risk due to school being out, longer days, and increased public activity; *and*

WHEREAS, Mayor Michelle Wu released a citywide Plan for a Safe, Healthy and Active Summer in 2025 that frames safety as the presence of opportunity, connection, and community, and calls for cross-department coordination and measurable implementation *and*

WHEREAS, The City has identified “Opportunity Zones” for targeted summer activation in areas where violence concentrates, and residents deserve transparency on what specific programming, staffing, outreach, and investments will be delivered in these locations each summer, particularly in Dorchester (Talbot Ave corridor; Bowdoin & Geneva; Four Corners; Harambee Park; Roberts Playground; Ronan Park) and Roxbury (Dudley St corridor; Walnut Ave corridor; Malcolm X Park; Madison Park Fields); *and*

WHEREAS, Expanding structured, youth-centered programming during after-school, evening, and weekend hours, especially “after dark” options, can help reduce conflict and increase safe spaces for youth to gather; *and*

WHEREAS, The City’s Boston After Dark initiative demonstrates the scale and demand for Friday-night programming, including growth from 18 events serving 1,000 youth in 2024 to 23 events engaging 1,500+ youth in 2025, and Council oversight is needed to ensure consistent access across neighborhoods and school vacation periods; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents also need clear, proactive plans each year for summer jobs, “gap week” programming between school and jobs, pool/park/BCYF readiness and staffing, and violence intervention, healing, and prevention resources in the neighborhoods most impacted; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to review implementation of the Mayor’s Summer Safety Plan and evaluate readiness for the upcoming summer and future summers, including: (1) after-school and after-dark programming; (2) youth jobs and gap-week programming; (3) violence intervention and prevention strategy and coordination;

(4) site readiness and staffing for BCYF centers, pools, parks, and libraries; (5) neighborhood-level plans for Opportunity Zones; and (6) performance measures and public-facing reporting; **BE IT FURTHER**

ORDERED: That representatives from OYEA, BCYF, BPHC (Office of Violence Prevention), Boston Police Department, Boston Housing Authority, Parks and Recreation, Boston Public Library, Boston Public Schools, and relevant community-based organizations and residents be invited to testify.

Filed on: January 30, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS CREATION
OF A SNOW CORPS IN BOSTON**

WHEREAS, During snowstorms, the City of Boston is responsible for clearing the roadway while property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, but often sections of sidewalk and crosswalks, along main neighborhood corridors, and in front of government properties, are not cleared fully; *and*

WHEREAS, Property owners who are on a fixed income and are seniors or disabled don't have the means or physical ability to remove snow from their property, and can be stuck in their house for days after a storm; *and*

WHEREAS, Other cities such as Chicago and Baltimore utilize a Snow Corps, which matches volunteers with seniors and disabled persons who need help shoveling; *and*

WHEREAS, After snowfall, navigating near businesses, schools, day cares, libraries, community centers, and other areas can be dangerous or impossible, and snow clearance duties can put an extra strain on everyday city employees, such as when a principal ends up shoveling sidewalks in front of a school; *and*

WHEREAS, The city might be well served by hiring temporary seasonal employees to help shovel and sand key spots in neighborhoods, allowing them to be deployed depending upon the severity of the storm; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council and the Wu Administration already collaborated to appropriate American Rescue Plan funding to launch a pilot in past winters, that worked to clear ramps and sidewalks in local Main Streets districts across the city; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should use the information gathered from past winters and the current winter to continue to make progress toward providing a supplemental snow removal service on sidewalks during winter snow storms above a certain level of severity and snow accumulation, which could also provide additional local workforce development opportunities, and the City of Boston should also pilot a Snow Corps program that would connect volunteers to seniors and persons with disabilities to get their sidewalks shoveled; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss progress toward a supplemental sidewalk clearance program and a volunteer Snow Corps in the City of Boston, and that representatives from the

Public Works Department, 311, the Office of Workforce Development, the Office of Budget Management, and the public be invited to testify.

Filed on: February 2, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CITY OF BOSTON PURCHASING SNOW MELTERS & PERTINENT EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS: Every year, Boston experiences significant snowfall. Most recently, the city got 23.2 inches of snow from a two day snowstorm on January 25-26th, 2026. Residents continue to provide feedback on difficulties navigating streets and sidewalks, limiting accessibility for all - including our seniors, persons with disabilities, and young families with strollers. Residents have also noted the impact of the significant storm and restricted access to fire hydrants and catch basins. Neighbors also noted the difficulties of road accessibility of first responders, the inability of neighbors and families to return to park cars on snow emergency routes following removal of the parking ban, and the difficulties of residents to utilize MBTA bus stops; *and*

WHEREAS: Similarly, in 2015, Boston experienced significant snow fall, with 24.6 inches from January 26-27th, 2015, 16.2 inches on February 2nd, 2015, and 23.8 inches from February 7-9th, 2015. At that time, the City utilized "snow farms" - dedicated, large scale sites where a significant amount of snow is transported after being collected from plowed streets and sidewalks; *and*

WHEREAS: After this most recent storm, New York City deployed eight snow melters to remove snow from streets, sidewalks, and bus stops that would otherwise take weeks to melt. Reports indicated that New York City has used these melting hot tubs for nearly 20 years. Snow is dumped in a basin of hot water, and then dumped into a sewer, with the permission of the Department of Environmental Protection. Reports indicate that these machines melt 60-120 tons of snow per hour; *and*

WHEREAS: With significant snowfall an inevitability in Boston, it's critical that the City explores purchase this and any necessary equipment to ensure accessible pathways and roads for all, including first responders, our seniors, persons with disabilities, and young families with strollers; *and*

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the City of Boston purchasing snow melters.

Filed in City Council: February 2, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF RETURNING CITIZENS AND RE-ENTRY INTO THEIR BOSTON COMMUNITIES.

- WHEREAS,** Every year more than 3,000 people return to the City of Boston from prisons and jails, and most return from incarceration without a permanent place to live, stable income, or even a change of clothes ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Massachusetts Parole Commission found that Black and Latinx individuals are significantly overrepresented in and disproportionately affected by the criminal legal system in Massachusetts, and studies show people of color are more likely to serve longer sentences, even after accounting for criminal history, demographics, initial charge severity, court jurisdiction, and neighborhood characteristics. ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Probation fees in Massachusetts cost returning citizens more than \$20 million a year - \$65 and \$50 per month with an average probation sentence of 17-20 months and an average \$850-\$1,300 in monthly probation service fees - on top of many other court fines and fees ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Increasing affordable and transitional housing in Boston is critical to the success of re-entry: a recent Boston reentry study indicates that twelve months after prison, 43 percent of individuals were staying in transitional or marginal housing ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Even when a Parole Board grants a positive parole vote to an individual, it is not a guarantee of the individual's release as they must have an approved home plan, but a home plan is often denied because the client may not be listed as a tenant on a Section 8 lease due to federal regulations making it difficult for parolees to live with family in Section 8 housing ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The prison system has long housed and held a significant portion of people with mental health disorders, and due to the lack of specialized services, often accelerates long-term mental health consequences, and when people leave prison many suffer from those long-term mental health consequences including a set of syndromes similar to PTSD but specific to the conditions of prison known as Post Incarceration Syndrome ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** People from communities of color between the ages of 18 and 19 are nearly 11 times more likely to be imprisoned than white males the same age, and nearly half are rearrested within eight years of their release ; *and*

- WHEREAS,** The vast majority, about 98 percent of returning citizens, don't have a valid driver's license, on average owing hundreds of dollars to get their licenses reinstated, and need assistance getting other important documents ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** 27 percent of returning citizens are looking for a job, but are still unemployed, and according to one study, a criminal record reduces the likelihood of a callback or job offer by nearly 50 percent, thus more than a quarter of formerly incarcerated people are unemployed ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Studies show that correctional education and post correctional education programs are highly cost-effective pathways for reducing recidivism and improving postrelease employment outcomes. ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Older returning citizens face particular challenges, as they are less likely to recidivate when compared to their younger counterparts, yet they experience higher rates of unemployment, homelessness, loneliness, and chronic medical conditions;
- WHEREAS,** Massachusetts is one of 14 states that prohibit people from voting while incarcerated for a felony in prison but return the right to vote immediately upon release, however evidence suggests that many reentering assume they remain disenfranchised upon release, and too often are not informed of their voting rights;
- WHEREAS,** Formerly incarcerated people struggle to find employment because of a criminal record and stigma, where monthly monetary assistance or guaranteed income stipends could be a mechanism to help rebuild and reestablish their personal and professional lives; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Those served by the Office of Returning Citizens have grown significantly since its inception in 2017, and the City Council has consistently advocated for expanding the breadth and reach of the office, including an investment of over a million dollars in the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget modernizing the Office of Returning Citizens; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Our prison and punishment system upholds a structurally racist society by disproportionately imprisoning those in Black and Latinx communities and perpetuates those inequities by providing limited resources for social and economic growth opportunity upon release from incarceration; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and their re-entry into their Boston communities, and that the Office of Returning Citizens, related departments, government entities, non-profits, and interested individuals be invited to testify.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON THE CREATION OF A BOSTON SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools (BPS) has long struggled with deferred maintenance, aging infrastructure, and an insufficient pace of new school construction, contributing to repeated cycles of school closures, consolidations, and disruptions to school communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Research shows that safe, healthy, and inspiring school facilities are foundational to academic achievement, positive school culture, and overall student well-being; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite city initiatives such as BuildBPS and the Green New Deal for BPS, there remains no true comprehensive, equity-driven, or transparent master facilities plan to build new school buildings and oversee more than one hundred aging school buildings across Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston, like many other municipalities, is simultaneously navigating declining enrollment, aging and underutilized buildings, fiscal constraints, and rising operational costs, creating enduring and systemic facilities challenges; *and*

WHEREAS, Recent school closures and reconfigurations have intensified community concern and distrust, particularly when families and educators see a disconnect from timely reinvestments in modernized or replacement school buildings; *and*

WHEREAS, The lack of sustained or systematic maintenance has led to the closure of essential large facilities such as the West Roxbury Education Complex and the Jackson-Mann School, displacing entire school communities and leaving large sections of the city without vital educational assets; *and*

WHEREAS, Responsibility for school facilities planning and delivery is currently fragmented across multiple entities, including Boston Public Schools, the School Committee, City of Boston administrative departments, and the Massachusetts School Building Authority, contributing to slow timelines, unclear accountability, and difficulty sustaining momentum across political and economic cycles; *and*

WHEREAS, The City must balance the urgent need to improve school facilities with broader fiscal constraints, making it increasingly important that limited capital resources

be deployed strategically, transparently, and in alignment with a coherent, citywide facilities plan rather than on an ad hoc basis; *and*

WHEREAS, A Boston School Building Authority (BSBA) could be structured as an independent entity focused exclusively on school facilities, charged with long-term capital planning, coordination with state and federal partners, proactive maintenance strategies, and meaningful community engagement, while allowing the School Committee and BPS leadership to remain focused on student outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, A BSBA type authority could help align decisions about closures, consolidations, renovations, and new construction within a single, publicly accountable framework that emphasizes predictability, equity, and follow-through; *and*

WHEREAS, The scope of Boston's school facilities demands an aggressive pursuit of multiple financing options, including city, state, and federal funding, including municipal bonds, new education revenue streams, and closer collaboration with government, non-profit, and for-profit partners, to modernize and expand educational infrastructure, while the City's AAA bond rating and available debt capacity provide a strong foundation for construction and renovation projects; *and*

WHEREAS, School buildings require planning, investment, and public trust on timelines that extend beyond electoral cycles or economic fluctuations, and Boston would benefit from a permanent institution focused on the long-term stewardship and community engagement of its educational infrastructure; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the feasibility, structure, and potential benefits of establishing a Boston School Building Authority, and include discussion of: operational scope and governance; funding mechanisms, including public, private, and innovative financing models; protocols for community engagement and transparency; alignment with Boston School Committee, MSBA and other agencies; and the inclusion of equity measures in planning and project selection. Representatives from the School Committee, Boston Public Schools, relevant City departments, the MSBA, DESE, community organizations, parents, educators, and students shall be invited to testify, with the goal of delivering on the promise of safe, high-quality school buildings for every child, in every neighborhood across Boston.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE STATE OF ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AS TO BOSTON'S ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The City of Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program ("AOP") was created in 2016 to support the acquisition of existing rental housing in order to prevent displacement and preserve its affordability, by helping mission-driven housing developers, community development corporations, community land trusts, and nonprofit organizations acquire multi-family properties; *and*

WHEREAS, AOP continues to be a critical tool for preserving and funding long-term affordable housing and preventing the displacement of tenants vulnerable to the forces of gentrification and housing commodification; *and*

WHEREAS, A majority of Boston residents are renters, and nearly half of them are rent-burdened, which means they spend more than 30% of their household income on rent; *and*

WHEREAS, Housing unaffordability and insecurity, eviction, and displacement severely threaten the economic, physical and mental health of affected individuals, especially our Black & Brown residents, and severely disrupt their ability to thrive academically, professionally, and socio-emotionally; *and*

WHEREAS, Many nonprofit developers and community land trusts lack sufficient capital resources to compete for acquisition of housing units in the speculation-driven private market, and AOP has helped to facilitate the acquisition and affordability preservation of hundreds of units of housing, facilitating residents' ability to remain in their homes during periods of gentrification, however the pressing need for more affordable housing continues to escalate; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the state of anti-displacement as to the Acquisition Opportunity Program, and be it that the Mayor's Office of Housing, Boston Planning and Development Agency, community development corporations, community land trusts, real estate developers, non-profits, and all other interested parties be invited to attend and testify.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 17F RE: MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EXTERNAL ENTITIES

ORDERED: That under the provisions of Section 1.17F of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951 as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, and any other applicable provision of law, 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 relative to the following that was requested during a March 27, 2025 Public Safety & Criminal Justice Hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Office of Emergency Management, including the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Emergency Management Performance Grant.

- 1) Any existing and expired Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the Boston Regional Intelligence Center or Boston Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis regarding data and information sharing executed from 2005 to the present.
- 2) Any existing and expired Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the Boston Regional Intelligence Center or Boston Police Department and the Department of State Police's Commonwealth Fusion Center regarding data and information sharing executed from 2005 to the present.
- 3) Any existing and expired Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the Boston Regional Intelligence Center or Boston Police Department and any federal agency, including but not limited to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives executed from 2005 to the present.

Filed on: February 4, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER OF COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY

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:

Data regarding Boston resident students for whom Boston Public Schools incurred tuition, transportation, or other related costs for placement in vocational or technical high schools outside of the Boston Public Schools system during the past five completed school years and the current school year to date, including School Years 2020–2021 through 2024–2025, and School Year 2025–2026 to date.

Specifically, the Council requests:

1. The total number of Boston resident students placed in vocational or technical high schools outside of the Boston Public Schools system, for whom Boston Public Schools paid costs, by school year.
2. The name and location of each receiving vocational or technical high school and the number of Boston resident students attending each school, by school year.
3. The total tuition and fee costs paid by Boston Public Schools for these placements, by school year and by receiving school.
4. The total transportation costs associated with these placements, by school year, including but not limited to busing, contracts, and related services.
5. The total combined cost to Boston Public Schools for these placements, including tuition, transportation, and any other related costs, by school year.
6. The average per-student cost incurred by Boston Public Schools for these out-of-district vocational placements, by school year.
7. The funding sources used to pay for these costs, including Boston Public Schools operating funds, City funds, state reimbursements, or any other sources.
8. To the extent available, the primary stated reason for placement outside of the Boston Public Schools system, including but not limited to lack of program availability, capacity constraints, or student-specific educational needs.

For School Year 2025–2026, responses should reflect data available as of the date of the response.

Requesting that Boston Public Schools, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter, including summary tables and electronically usable data where possible.

Filed in Council: February 4th, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER OF COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY

ORDER REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 17F REGARDING TRAVELING BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES AND PARKING ACCESS NEEDS

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.

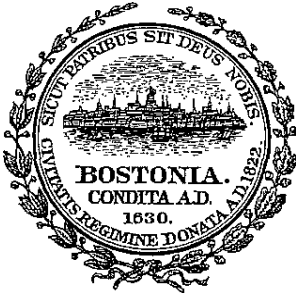
ORDERED: That Boston Public Schools provide data regarding employees whose assigned job responsibilities require travel between two or more Boston Public Schools sites during the workday, for the current school year and the two prior school years, including but not limited to the following:

1. The total number of Boston Public Schools employees whose regular job responsibilities require travel between two or more school sites during the school day, disaggregated by job title or role.
2. The criteria currently used by Boston Public Schools to define or classify an employee as a traveling employee for purposes of parking eligibility or other transportation supports.
3. The total number of parking passes issued by Boston Public Schools to traveling employees, disaggregated by school year and by employee role or assignment, for the current school year and the two prior school years.
4. The number of traveling employees who applied for but did not receive a parking pass in each of the referenced school years.
5. Any data available regarding parking citations or fines incurred by traveling employees while performing required job duties, including whether any reimbursements were provided.
6. A description of any alternatives to parking passes currently offered to traveling employees, including mileage reimbursement, transit benefits, or other supports.
7. Any written policies, internal guidance, or communications provided to staff, principals, or supervisors regarding parking eligibility, renewal, or prioritization for traveling employees.

Requesting that Boston Public Schools, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter, including summary tables and electronically usable data where possible.

Filed in Council: February 4th, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

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

WHEREAS, Haitian immigrants have been granted federal protected status, including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), due to extraordinary and temporary conditions in Haiti such as political instability, widespread violence, natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and the inability of the Haitian government to safely receive returning nationals; *and*

WHEREAS, Federal protected status allows eligible Haitian immigrants to lawfully remain in the United States, obtain work authorization, and be protected from deportation for the duration of the designation, enabling families to achieve stability and contribute fully to their communities; *and*

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2026, the federal government allowed Haitian protected status to expire, resulting in the loss of legal protections and work authorization for many Haitian residents across the country, including those living in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The expiration of protected status places Haitian individuals and families at immediate risk of deportation, job loss, housing insecurity, family separation, and diminished access to healthcare and other essential services; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is home to a vibrant and longstanding Haitian community and has a responsibility, consistent with its values as a welcoming city, to assess the impacts of this federal action and identify municipal policies, legal resources, service coordination, and advocacy strategies to protect and support affected residents; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to confront the consequences of the expiration of federal protected status for Haitian immigrants as of February 3, 2026, and to determine what actions the City of

Boston should take to mitigate harm, support impacted families, and advocate for continued protections and relief.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TERMINATION OF FEDERAL PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS AND AFFIRMING THE CITY OF BOSTON'S OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT AFFECTED RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Haitian immigrants have been granted federal protected status, including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), due to extraordinary and temporary conditions in Haiti, including political instability, widespread violence, natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and the inability of the Haitian government to safely receive returning nationals; *and*

WHEREAS, Federal protected status has allowed eligible Haitian immigrants to lawfully remain in the United States, obtain work authorization, and live without fear of deportation, enabling families to achieve stability and contribute meaningfully to the economic, cultural, and civic life of the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2026, the federal government terminated protected status for Haitian immigrants, stripping many individuals and families of legal protections and work authorization and placing Haitian residents of Boston at immediate risk of detention, deportation, and economic displacement; *and*

WHEREAS, The termination of federal protected status threatens family unity, housing stability, workforce participation, access to healthcare, and the overall well-being of Haitian residents, with destabilizing effects that extend beyond individual families to neighborhoods and the City as a whole; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is home to a vibrant, longstanding, and deeply rooted Haitian community and, as a welcoming city, has an obligation to respond decisively to federal actions that place its residents at risk; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council condemns the termination of federal protected status for Haitian immigrants, affirms the City of Boston's obligation to support and protect affected residents through all lawful and appropriate municipal actions, calls upon the Mayor and City departments to identify and implement concrete policies and resources, including legal assistance, housing and workforce

protections, access to healthcare and social services, and coordination with community-based organizations, and urges robust advocacy at the state and federal levels to secure the reinstatement or extension of protections for Haitian immigrants.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS MINIARD CULPEPPER AND BRIAN WORRELL



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to honor the history, culture, and lasting contributions of African Americans to the United States and to the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a central role in shaping Boston's identity, from its earliest days to the present, strengthening the city through leadership, creativity, civic engagement, and resilience; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's Black community is richly diverse, including Haitians, Afro-Latinos, United States Freedmen, Nigerians, Caribbean Islanders, and many others, reflecting the global roots and cultural depth of Black Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has been home to historic trailblazers such as Rebecca Lee Crumpler, the first Black woman physician in the United States; Macon Bolling Allen, the nation's first Black lawyer; William Wells Brown, a leading abolitionist and author; Robert Morris, a civil rights attorney; and Thomas Irving Atkins, the first Black at-large City Councilor on the modern Boston City Council, who helped advance civil rights and fair housing for future generations; *and*

WHEREAS, The founding of Boston's African Lodge Number 459 by Prince Hall and the long tradition of Black institutions, schools, churches, and mutual-aid societies reflect the strength, self-determination, and community leadership that continue to shape Black life in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's history includes powerful figures such as Phillis Wheatley, the first published African American woman poet; the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, one of the first Black regiments in the Civil War; Melnea Cass, a tireless community organizer; Sarah-Ann Shaw, a civil rights and media pioneer; Reverend Michael E. Haynes, a leader in faith and justice; William H. Lewis, a lawyer and athlete; Dr. Ruth Batson, an education and civil rights advocate; and Crispus Attucks, the first person killed in the American Revolution; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston's Black leaders have also shaped sports and public life, including Willie O'Ree, who broke the NHL color barrier; Chuck Cooper, the first Black player

drafted into the NBA; and Bill Russell, whose excellence, leadership, and activism redefined both basketball and social justice in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, Black leaders in Boston have long led the fight for justice and opportunity, from Crispus Attucks to Prince Hall; from the builders of the Abiel Smith School to political leaders such as Mel King and Bill Owens; from Malcolm X, who found his voice in Roxbury, to Ted Landsmark, whose courage in the face of racist violence helped force a reckoning with school desegregation and systemic racism; *and*

WHEREAS, The Museum of African American History, founded in 1963, preserves and interprets African American history and culture in Boston and has continued its public education work amid recent federal funding challenges; *and*

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an important opportunity to reflect on both the struggles and achievements of African Americans, while recommitting to the work of building a more just, inclusive, and equitable Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston remains committed to honoring Black history, uplifting Black voices, and ensuring that future generations learn from the past while shaping a stronger future; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby proclaims the month of February as Black History Month in the City of Boston and calls upon all residents to celebrate the enduring contributions of African Americans to our city's past, present, and future.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REPLACEMENT OF CONCURRENT PEDESTRIAN PHASING TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Pedestrian safety is one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston and a critical component of public safety and overall quality of life; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2019, two pedestrians were struck by a van at the intersection of Melcher and Summer Streets in Fort Point at the site of a concurrent phasing traffic signal, and one of them passed away due to her injuries; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents throughout the city have called attention to the dangerous situation where pedestrian has a signal to cross the street at the very same time that vehicles have a signal to turn at an intersection, with the expectation that the motor vehicle will yield to the pedestrian in the crosswalks; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that we review the practice of concurrent pedestrian phasing traffic signals at intersections throughout the city and make the necessary changes to focus on improving pedestrian safety in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Crashes that occur in Boston continue to remind us of the work that must be done to improve pedestrian safety, along with traffic-calming infrastructure. As our city becomes more developed and densely populated, the increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic means that many areas of our streetscape need improvement and change to ensure safety for all in our neighborhoods; *and*
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**
- That the Boston City Council supports the replacement of concurrent phasing traffic signals citywide to improve pedestrian safety.

Filed in City Council: January 30, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN AND HENRY SANTANA

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

WHEREAS:

Lunar New Year is one of the most important holidays for our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, and it begins on the second new moon after winter solstice, and is usually celebrated for a week starting from New Year's Eve to the sixth day of the New Year. This year, Lunar New Year starts on February 17th, and it will be the Year of the Horse; *and*

WHEREAS:

In Boston, we have a large number of AAPI residents who celebrate Lunar New Year, with numerous lion dances, banquets, and other events to celebrate this holiday. We also have one of the largest Chinatowns in the United States, a vibrant Vietnamese community in Dorchester, and many smaller pockets of AAPI communities throughout the city; *and*

WHEREAS:

Our AAPI neighbors are an integral part of our city and our society; they are our neighbors, frontline healthcare workers, school teachers, small business owners, policymakers, military members, youth sports coaches, among many others; *and*

WHEREAS:

Despite their contributions and sacrifices, AAPIs have faced strong institutional discrimination and racism throughout history, with the most prominent examples being the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, which was repealed in 1943, and Japanese Internment during World War II. Since COVID-19, there has been a significant increase of racist incidents and hate crimes committed against AAPI residents; *and*

WHEREAS:

It is important that we recognize the contributions of our AAPI community, and continue to celebrate and support our AAPI and immigrant communities as their experience and cultural heritage enrich our city and nation; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the Lunar New Year of the Horse with our AAPI communities and continues to honor the tremendous contributions of our AAPI residents.

Filed on: January 30, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS:** January is National Human Trafficking Prevention month. In 2010, President Barack Obama declared January as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month" to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime, and every year since, each president has followed this tradition to bring attention to different forms of human trafficking; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Human trafficking, also known as modern slavery, includes forced labor and sex trafficking. It is difficult to combat due to lack of public awareness and government oversight, low rates of reporting, the increasing use of technology, and is only further exacerbated by instability caused by natural disasters, conflicts or wars; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In addition to the Commonwealth's Human Trafficking Division at the Attorney General's Office, the City of Boston's Collaborative Efforts Against Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) work to prevent and address commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking; *and*
- WHEREAS:** CEASE works collaboratively to support the development of a strategic plan to adopt the Equality Model Legislation in Massachusetts and the U.S. and grow policies and practices across sectors that amplify efforts to eradicate human trafficking; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, it is critical that we recognize victims of human trafficking, support the work of anti-trafficking organizations, state and local law enforcement, support advocates, businesses and those who are committed to raising awareness of and ending human trafficking; *and*
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**
That the Boston City Council declares January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Boston in order to educate the public about this crime against humanity.

Filed on: January 30, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR JOHN FITZGERALD

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DECLARING “NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS DAY” IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, This year Boston sports fans experienced one of the most miraculous turnarounds in sports history with the New England Patriots going from a 4-13 record to once again competing in the Superbowl; *and,*

WHEREAS, While this turnaround is often highlighted by the MVP-level season of sophomore quarterback Drake Maye and the tremendous work by new Head Coach Mike Vrabel, we must also recognize the collective effort of this whole Patriot’s team; *and,*

WHEREAS, Throughout the season this team’s rallying cry has been “we all we got, we all we need”, highlighting how important mutual collaboration and strong dedication is for teams to excel and exceed all expectations; *and,*

WHEREAS, As our city finds itself in these difficult times, for our work we do we must remember this mantra, as our city’s status as a beacon for the world is dependent on our ability to collaborate on innovative solutions to deal with today’s greatest issues; *and,*

WHEREAS, As this Patriots team demonstrates anything is possible when we all strive for collective excellence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Boston City Council recognizes February 8, 2026 as New England Patriots’ Day in the City of Boston.

Filed in Council: February 4, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT 7 WHITE STADIUM TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, The redevelopment and operation of White Stadium, located within Franklin Park and District 7 represents one of the most consequential public land use decisions facing the City of Boston, and Franklin Park is the City's largest green space and a cornerstone of daily life for residents across District 7 and from surrounding neighborhoods, working families, Boston Public Schools students, youth sports organizations, and community programs year-round; *and*

WHEREAS, The redevelopment and operation of White Stadium will significantly impact residents, small businesses, and community institutions of District 7 and residents have raised serious concerns regarding whether proposed community benefits, contracting practices, workforce opportunities, and mitigation measures will result in meaningful and equitable outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, Large public-private projects in District 7 have historically failed to deliver sustained economic opportunity to Black and Brown-owned businesses, contractors, workers, and youth without clear oversight and accountability structures; *and*

WHEREAS, There is a demonstrated need for stronger community partnership to ensure that equitable infrastructure improvements, transportation planning, and neighborhood investments support existing residents and small businesses rather than overburdening or displacing them; *and*

WHEREAS, The Mayor and the Boston Unity Partners group have expressed commitments to equity, inclusion, and community opportunities, which require ongoing collaboration with community representatives to ensure those commitments are improved upon and upheld; *and*

WHEREAS, Since the beginning of the White Stadium redevelopment process, residents have expressed concern regarding the pace of decision-making and the adequacy of community input, particularly following the execution of lease agreements and the commencement of construction activities throughout the entirety of the White Stadium redevelopment project;

WHEREAS, The creation of an independent District 7 White Stadium Task Force is critical to provide specialized expertise, sustained community partnership, enhanced transparency, and long-term accountability for impacts affecting the surrounding neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, A District 7 White Stadium Task Force would promote transparent communication, meaningful community engagement, and accountability by monitoring project decisions, reviewing agreements and studies, receiving public concerns, and ensuring compliance with equity, workforce, environmental, and community benefit commitments; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Council supports the creation of a White Stadium Task Force that is composed of the District 7 Councilor and includes members from District 7 representing a range of professional expertise and community leadership, including one resident with experience in transportation or infrastructure planning, one resident with experience in the energy and/or environmental justice sectors, one resident with expertise in public procurement and contracting, and one resident with experience in economic development or Black and Brown-business advocacy, empowered to request relevant information from the Administration; receive complaints from the public; request, receive, and review documentation and financial records as well as audits conducted by the City Auditor; review agreements, studies, and operational plans; coordinate across City and state agencies and provide structured, ongoing recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council.

Filed on: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (BHA) ELEVATOR SAFETY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, In recent years, aging elevators at Boston Housing Authority (BHA) developments have posed public safety concerns. Residents reported frequent breakdowns, being stuck in elevators, elevators skipping floors, and prolonged periods of disrepair. There are increasing concerns that these conditions violate federal and state laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); *and*

WHEREAS, Over the last three years, tenants at the Ruth Barkley Apartments in the South End reported frequent elevator breakdowns, with multiple elevators facing long-term outages. In December 2024, residents complained that two of the elevators at the complex had been out of service for a year while another had been operating on and off since Thanksgiving Day. Last year, due to an elevator failure on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving for two days through the holiday morning, many residents at Ruth Barkley apartments were forced to alter and cancel plans with their families - nevermind the inability to go about their daily responsibilities like appointments or picking up prescriptions during that period of time; *and*

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2025, the Boston City Council Committee on Housing and Community Development held a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at BHA Ruth Barkley Apartments. At the hearing, residents shared that the broken elevators have caused them to miss medical appointments, other critical services, and difficulties making it to their bathroom in time. In one instance, it was reported these issues caused a resident to miss most of their child's funeral; *and*

WHEREAS, Subsequently, on October 22, 2025, the City Council passed a 17F Order requesting certain information regarding the safety of the aging elevator system at BHA properties. As of December 4, 2025, the Council has yet to receive the relevant information that was requested; *and*

WHEREAS, At this time, with continued elevators at BHA Ruth Barkley and other properties across the city, it is appropriate that the City of Boston establishes a BHA Elevator Safety Commission to address the public safety and quality of life concerns caused by the failing elevator systems. 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; *and*

WHEREAS, Elevator access is essential for our seniors and persons with disabilities. It is imperative that BHA communicate these plans and protocols in a timely manner to residents, and ensure that residents do not continue to miss critical medical appointments and other daily obligations; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council strongly supports the establishment of a BHA Elevator Safety Commission in the City of Boston.

Filed on: January 30, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

WHEREAS, National Girls & Women in Sports Day is observed annually during the first week of February, and in 2026 will be recognized on Wednesday, February 4, to honor the achievements of girls and women in sports, recognize progress toward gender equity, and inspire future generations of female athletes, coaches, and leaders; and

WHEREAS, National Girls & Women in Sports Day was first proclaimed in 1987 to honor Olympic athlete Flo Hyman and to recognize the transformative impact of Title IX in expanding opportunities for girls and women in athletics; and

WHEREAS, participation in sports provides girls and young women with opportunities to build confidence, leadership skills, teamwork, resilience, and discipline, while supporting physical health, mental well-being, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, access to athletic and recreational opportunities is a critical component of healthy youth development and contributes to positive outcomes in education, social connection, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, girls and young women continue to face barriers to participation in sports, including inequitable access to programs, facilities, funding, mentorship, and fair scheduling of fields and game times, particularly in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, community-based youth sports organizations, schools, and recreation programs play a vital role in expanding access to athletics for girls and young women across Boston's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that girls of all backgrounds, abilities, and identities have equitable access to safe, inclusive, and supportive athletic opportunities strengthens families, promotes gender equity, and benefits the City of Boston as a whole; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council affirms the importance of equitable access to sports and recreation opportunities for girls and young women, and recognizes the role these opportunities play in fostering leadership, confidence, health, and community connection; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council encourages continued collaboration among schools, community organizations, youth sports leagues, and City departments to support and expand athletic opportunities for girls and young women across Boston; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council hereby recognizes National Girls & Women in Sports Day 2026 and celebrates the achievements and contributions of girls and women in sports throughout the City of Boston.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2026 MAYOR'S YOUTH SUMMIT AND COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Boston has long recognized the importance of centering young people in civic life and creating opportunities for youth leadership, expression, and community connection; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Summit is a citywide celebration designed to engage and inspire Boston's young people, celebrate their contributions to the City's culture, and build connections between youth and City leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Summit was first launched in 1994 under the administration of Mayor Thomas M. Menino and was held annually for ten years as a flagship youth engagement event; and

WHEREAS, following a hiatus, the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement brought the Mayor's Youth Summit back in 2024, marking both the twentieth anniversary since the event was last held and the thirtieth anniversary of its inception; and

WHEREAS, the continued hosting of the Mayor's Youth Summit reflects a renewed and sustained commitment to uplifting youth voice, with 2026 representing the third consecutive year of the Summit since its revival; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Summit is held annually during February Break and provides an inclusive and celebratory space for young people from across Boston's neighborhoods to gather, connect, and participate in civic life; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Mayor's Youth Summit will take place on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Artists for Humanity EpiCenter, and will feature free food, youth performances, guest speakers, interactive activities, giveaways, and opportunities for youth engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement, operating within the Human Services Cabinet, leads this work and oversees additional initiatives such as the Mayor's Youth Council and the Youth Lead the Change participatory budgeting program; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Pedro Cruz has provided strong leadership in advancing the mission of the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement and in expanding meaningful, youth-centered programming across the City; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Cabinet, under the leadership of Chief José F. Massó, plays a critical role in coordinating services and initiatives that support youth, families, and communities throughout Boston; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its strong support for the 2026 Mayor's Youth Summit and applauds the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement for successfully reviving and sustaining this important citywide event; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Council commends Executive Director Pedro Cruz and the staff of the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement for their dedication to amplifying youth voices and fostering civic engagement among Boston's young people; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council encourages young residents, families, schools, and community organizations across the City to participate in and promote the 2026 Mayor's Youth Summit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be adopted in recognition of the City's shared commitment to investing in Boston's youth and strengthening opportunities for leadership, connection, and civic participation.

Filed in City Council: February 4, 2026



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK
VETERANS**

- WHEREAS:** Since the founding of our country, African Americans have played a significant role in our military history, despite racial discrimination and facing limited opportunities; *and*
- WHEREAS:** During the Civil War, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment was the first military unit consisting of free Black soldiers fighting for the Union Army who displayed exceptional bravery and honor; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen, an all Black Army Air Corps aviation unit based in Tuskegee, Alabama, trained Black pilots, navigators, bombardiers and personnel, overcoming segregation and discrimination to become one of the most respected fighter groups in the war that later paved the way for desegregation in the U.S. military; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A well-known Tuskegee Airmen from Boston was the former Boston Police Deputy Superintendent Willis Saunders, who received a Congressional Gold Medal for his service. Saunders, a respected role model in the city, always treated people with dignity and respect. His father, an Army veteran, served in World War I; *and*
- WHEREAS:** We are proud of the historic Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury for their outreach and support to the African American veterans throughout the Greater Boston area, especially through their 60+ veterans group. The Church has had many notable pastors over the years, including Reverend George Washington Williams, who was a Civil War veteran; *and*
- WHEREAS:** We are also honored to have the William E. Carter American Legion Post 16, the oldest African-American post in the American Legion, in Mattapan. Established over a century ago, it recognizes the important work of black veterans and their bravery, self-sacrifice, and commitment.
- WHEREAS:** Every year, Boston's Office of Veterans Services host a Black Veterans Appreciation Brunch, where we celebrate the courageous service and sacrifices of Black veterans, while recognizing the racism and discrimination faced by these same veterans in America; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect without fear of discrimination, and we should continue our support to the Black veterans by standing with them and celebrating their remarkable achievements and sacrifices for our country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council affirms its support for the Black veteran community and recognizes the contributions and sacrifices they have made towards the City of Boston.

Filed on: February 2, 2026



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH

WHEREAS: National Wear Red Day is observed annually on the first Friday in February to raise awareness about heart disease and stroke in women and to promote education, prevention, and early recognition; and

WHEREAS: Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States, accounting for approximately one in every five female deaths; and

WHEREAS: Many women do not recognize heart disease as their greatest health risk, and symptoms of heart attack and stroke in women may differ from those experienced by men, contributing to delayed diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS: Women's heart health is influenced by a range of factors, including stress, caregiving responsibilities, mental and emotional health, access to preventive care, and social and economic conditions; and

WHEREAS: Women, particularly women of color, face persistent disparities in heart health outcomes, access to care, and cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS: Raising awareness about women's heart health empowers individuals, families, and communities to prioritize prevention, recognize warning signs, and support healthier outcomes; and

WHEREAS: National Wear Red Day is led by the American Heart Association and serves as a visible reminder of the importance of education, advocacy, and community engagement around women's heart health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes National Wear Red Day and encourages residents, organizations, and City departments to participate by wearing red and promoting awareness about heart disease and stroke in women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council affirms the importance of prioritizing women's health, reducing disparities in heart health outcomes, and supporting efforts that promote prevention, education, and wellness across the City of Boston.

Filed in City Council: February 4, 2026

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION ON TAX RELIEF

WHEREAS, A state tax relief package sponsored by State Senator Nick Collins and other state senators was passed by the Massachusetts State Senate on January 15th - legislation which aims to protect our seniors, veterans, small businesses, families and long-time residents during these challenging economic times. These bills must pass the Massachusetts House of Representatives and be signed by the Governor in order for the City of Boston to then opt-in to these local options; *and*

WHEREAS, S.2899, An Act to prevent property tax bill shocks, gives cities and towns the ability to protect taxpayers from the shock of an extraordinarily high tax bill in a year when the community's residential property tax levy is rising by more than 10%. If the City of Boston opts-in to the legislation, eligible residents could receive a tax credit to reduce the impact of higher third- and fourth-quarter tax bills. Eligible groups include homeowners age 65 and older, MassHealth enrollees, and households with children under 6, with an amendment allowing cities and towns to extend eligibility to families with children under 18; *and*

WHEREAS, Additionally, working families and taxpayers who already receive a local residential tax exemption could be able to receive additional relief through a rebate if cities and towns opt-in to the local option contained in S.2900, An Act relative to municipal tax relief, sponsored by Massachusetts State Senator Nick Collins. If adopted, the City of Boston would be able to set eligibility on assets, income, and other factors to provide working families and households further tax relief, with the possible exemption being raised from \$500 to \$1,500; *and*

WHEREAS, S.2901, An Act relative to senior property tax deferral, expands eligibility for the Senior Property Tax Deferral by reducing the state residency requirement from 10 to 7 years and provides families more time to manage deferred taxes after a senior passes away. The bill, approved 37-0 in the Senate, also extends these protections to active-duty service members through an adopted amendment; *and*

WHEREAS, S.2902, An Act authorizing the establishment of a mean tested senior citizen property tax exemption, creates a statewide opt-in program that also provides local governments with the ability to provide property tax exemptions for seniors, and builds on the recently increased Senior Circuit Breaker; *and*

WHEREAS, Moreover, S.1948, An Act relative to veteran property tax work-off, strengthens targeted property tax relief for veterans and eligible spouses by allowing municipalities to offer up to \$2,000 per year in tax reductions in exchange for volunteer service, up from the current \$1,500 cap. The Senate approved the bill unanimously, 38–0; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council supports the proposed state legislation on tax relief

Filed on: February 2, 2026



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the February 4, 2026 Session

Sixty Day Orders¹

In Effect After March 29, 2026

Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Eighteen Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$18,118,488.00) to provide funding for the Fire Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Firefighters IAFF Local 718. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 26, 2026. **(Docket #0124)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Fire Department for FY26 in the amount of Eighteen Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$18,118,488.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and IAFF Local 718. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contracts include a base wage increase of 2.5% to be given in July of 2024, and a base wage increase of 2% in July of each subsequent fiscal year of the contract term. The agreement also includes salary adjustments in January of 2025, starting at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service. **(Docket #0125)**

Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Three Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$1,307,901.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS). Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 26, 2026. **(Docket #0126)**

Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$1,307,901.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS). The terms of the contracts are September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract term. The contract also adds a new step in FY27 and a new degree to the education differential. **(Docket #0127)**

¹**Section 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.*

Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Edward Everett Elementary School and the Richard J. Murphy K-8 School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools. **(Docket #0128)**

Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the roof replacement projects at the following schools: the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School and Hugh Roe O’Donnell Elementary School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools. **(Docket #0129)**

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

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

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 Mayor³

³Section 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
Whole	0112	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding parking access for traveling Boston Public Schools employees.	1/5/2026		
Whole	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		
Whole	0124	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Eighteen Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$18,118,488.00) to provide funding for the Fire Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Firefighters IAFF Local 718. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 26, 2026.	1/28/2026	2/2/2026	
Whole	0125	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Fire Department for FY26 in the amount of Eighteen Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$18,118,488.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and IAFF Local 718. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contracts include a base wage increase of 2.5% to be given in July of 2024, and a base wage increase of 2% in July of each subsequent fiscal year of the contract term. The agreement also includes salary adjustments in January of 2025, starting at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service.	1/28/2026	2/2/2026	
Whole	0126	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Three Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$1,307,901.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS). Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 26, 2026.	1/28/2026	2/2/2026	

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred Hearing(s)	Notes
Whole	0127	Mayor		Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred One Dollars (\$1,307,901.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the Boston Association of School Administrators and Supervisors (BASAS). The terms of the contracts are September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract term. The contract also adds a new step in FY27 and a new degree to the education differential.	1/28/2026 2/2/2026	
Whole	0128	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Edward Everett Elementary School and the Richard J. Murphy K-8 School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0129	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the roof replacement projects at the following schools: the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School and Hugh Roe O'Donnell Elementary School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.	1/28/2026	

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Whole	0130	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Training Academy Earmark Grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund the Boston Fire Department Training Academy to provide training and instruction for public safety agencies in the city of Boston and municipal and political subdivisions across the Commonwealth, per line item 8324-0000 of the FY26 General Appropriations Act.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0132	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend technology equipment valued at approximately Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$430,340.00), from the Connected & Online Program Grant, awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The equipment includes laptops, desktop bundles, and related equipment. The equipment will support public access to education, workforce development, digital literacy, and telehealth services across multiple City departments, with deployments centered at BCYF Centers and sites operated by the Office of Workforce Development and the Office of Returning Citizens. This award reflects strong cross-departmental collaboration and advances the City's broader digital equity goals.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0133	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars And Three Cents (\$219,178.03) in the form of a grant, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by MA Executive Office for Administration & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filings for the 2026 tax season.	1/28/2026	

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Whole	0134	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in the form of a grant, Financial Empowerment Program, awarded by United Way, passed through the Boston Local Development Corporation, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund financial education, credit/asset building, and employment services for residents at the Center for Working Families.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0135	Mayor		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, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MassTech), awarded by United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund a multi-session digital skills workshop series at multiple locations and distribute devices to learners.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0136	Mayor		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, the FY26 Delta Unit Earmark Grant, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund the Boston Fire Department to conduct dedicated emergency services through its delta units, consisting of 3 delta unit vehicles assigned to Castle Island, Pleasure Bay and Carson Beach respectively, within the Old Harbor Reservation in the South Boston section of the city of Boston, seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive, per line item 8324-0050 of the FY26 General Appropriations Act.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0137	Mayor		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, Municipal ADA Improvement Grant, awarded by The Massachusetts Office on Disability to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant would fund updating the municipal ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to address barriers to accessibility in web based services and applications.	1/28/2026	

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Whole	0157	Breadon		Order to adopt Rules for the Boston City Council for Municipal Years 2026-2027.	1/28/2026	Meeting-1/30/26
Whole	0158	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance Establishing Street Food Carts in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0160	Mejia		Ordinance creating a municipal identification card in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0161	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0162	Mejia	Worrell	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0163	Santana	Louijeune, Durkan	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Real Estate Transfer Fees and Senior Property Tax Relief.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0164	Worrell		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Various Tax Classification Definitions, Exemptions, and Credits.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0165	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding the establishment and implementation of funding mechanisms for Boston's coastal protection	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0166	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding Boston Public Schools student-athlete transfer and eligibility policies.	1/28/2026	
Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	0168	Coletta Zapata		Order for a hearing regarding reviving the "Red Shirts" program.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0169	Culpepper		Order for a hearing to develop a report on the state of civil rights in Boston.	1/28/2026	
Whole	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	

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Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	0174	FitzGerald		Order for a hearing to discuss 2026 large event safety resources and infrastructure.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0175	FitzGerald	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the regulation of Kratom in the City of Boston	1/28/2026	
Whole	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	
Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	0178	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss dedicating the new open space at Phillips Square to Tunney Lee Plaza	1/28/2026	
Whole	0179	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss food insecurity and malnutrition in the City of Boston.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0180	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	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	
Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	0183	Louijeune	Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0184	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing on building a stronger fair housing future for Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025

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Whole	0185	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0186	Louijeune		Order for a hearing on equitable contracting and business opportunities for major civic sporting events in Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0187	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine income-adjusted parking fines and interest-free payment plans.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0188	Mejia		Order for a hearing on Boston Public School facilities, public assets and White Stadium.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0189	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit child care investments and the financial stability of Family Child Care Providers.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0190	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0191	Mejia		Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0192	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0193	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0194	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0195	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0196	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review the City of Boston's use of federal and state funds.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0197	Mejia		Order for a hearing to review past expenditures through quarterly updates on the FY2026 operating budget.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025

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Whole	0198	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0199	Mejia		Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0200	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing on BPS staffing program impacts.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0201	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0202	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 operating budget.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0203	Weber	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss prior operating budget amendments from FY23 to FY25.	1/28/2026	
Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	0205	Weber		Order for a hearing to review construction costs associated with the White Stadium project.	1/28/2026	
Whole	0206	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to explore ways of using municipal buildings to host childcare centers.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0207	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0208	Worrell		Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0209	Worrell		Order for a hearing on technical assistance and best practices for civic associations.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0210	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0211	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of indoor playgrounds in Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025

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Whole	0212	Worrell	Flynn	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks Statue.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0213	Worrell		Order for a hearing to allow for monthly property tax payments for residents.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	0215	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0216	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing to bring a Historically Black College or University Satellite Campus to Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0217	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the homeownership voucher program.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	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	Refile from 2025
Whole	0219	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0220	Worrell		Order for a hearing to bring more signature sports events to Boston.	1/28/2026	Refile from 2025
Whole	0222	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune	Resolution in support of Bill SD.3607: An Act Protecting Access to Justice.	1/28/2026	

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

ARTHUR M. ROSE

In Recognition of:

As you celebrate 107 incredible years, we recognize you for a lifetime of honor, service, and perseverance. Your dedication as a U.S. Navy Veteran in both World War II and the Korean War, reflects your deep sense of duty and love for the country. Your strength, humility, and wisdom continue to inspire everyone around you. Today, we proudly celebrate you, your service, and the extraordinary life you have lived. We wish you continued happiness and good health as you are celebrated today and always.

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.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

***Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald***

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

Patrick Walsh

In Recognition of:

**Being Named to the Irish Echo's 40 Under 40 for
His Contributions to the Labor Movement and
Dedication to His Craft**

***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.***

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution Presented by Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

Eric Fernandez Maldonado

In Recognition of:

Winning first place at the 2025 Museum of Science Hackathon for
their outstanding research and proposal for a multicultural
greenspace that is welcoming to all members of the community.

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.



By: Elizabeth Breaden
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Avoutas
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Weber

Date: _____

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Official Resolution Presented by Councilor Benjamin Weber

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

Christian Elian Martinez Duran

In Recognition of:

Winning first place at the 2025 Museum of Science Hackathon for
their outstanding research and proposal for a multicultural
greenspace that is welcoming to all members of the community.

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By: Elizabeth Breason
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Santos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Weber

Date: _____

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IN
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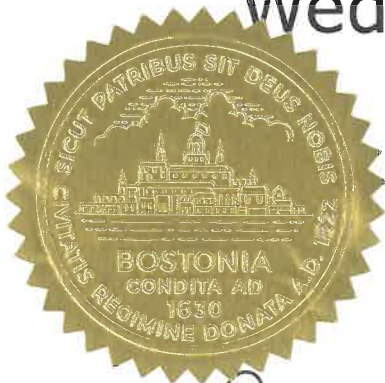
IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Curtis

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF


Wednesday, February 4th, 2026



SINCERELY,


CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest


City Clerk

Presented By



City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

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

Coach Mike Ward

In Recognition of:

Your hard work and dedication, and in congratulations
on your victory in the 2025 M.I.A.A. Division 2 championships ; 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.



By: Elizabeth Breason
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Swinton
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ben Walsh

Date: February 4, 2026

Resolution recognizing Coach Mike Ward and the following 14 athletes for winning the 2025 M.I.A.A. Division 2 title as part of the Boston Co-op Cross Country team

• Sara Blanco
• Anjuli Szydlo
• Neve Flynn
• Maddy Lemay
• Maya Friedmann
• Bridget Hurley
• Ava Levine-Fried
• Brandon Spiess
• Adam Kramer
• Ryan Collins
• Pietro Waterman
• Khalid Jama
• Nathaniel Iliff
• Terrance McGhee Jr.



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY
PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITI**

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a humanitarian protection established by Congress to safeguard individuals who cannot safely return to their home countries due to armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions; and

WHEREAS, Haiti was first designated for TPS following the catastrophic 2010 earthquake, and subsequent redesignations have reflected continued instability, recurring natural disasters, political turmoil, and escalating violence that persistently endanger the safety of Haitian nationals, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced the termination of Haiti's TPS designation, ending lawful protections and work authorization for Haitian nationals who were previously granted TPS; and

WHEREAS, this decision places hundreds of thousands of Haitian TPS holders nationwide at risk of losing legal status and employment authorization, despite many having lived and worked lawfully in the United States for years, raising families, contributing to local economies, and building deep community ties, including thousands residing in Massachusetts and the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, assertions that Haiti no longer meets the statutory conditions for TPS are inconsistent with extensive reporting documenting worsening humanitarian conditions, including widespread violence, mass displacement, kidnappings, institutional collapse, and the severe breakdown of public safety and essential services; and

WHEREAS, Boston is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Haitian communities in the United States, with deep civic, cultural, faith-based, and economic roots, and the termination of TPS threatens profound harm to families, employers, schools, and community institutions throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, recent federal immigration actions affecting Haitian nationals, including restrictions on lawful travel and entry, reflect a broader pattern of increasingly punitive and destabilizing immigration policies that separate families, undermine economic participation, and disrupt professional, educational, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, efforts to preserve Temporary Protected Status for Haitian nationals have spanned multiple sectors and levels of government, including congressional actions such as Representative Ayanna Pressley's use of a discharge petition, direct appeals to the White House urging a reversal of course, and statements from members of the business community underscoring the essential role Haitian TPS holders play in sustaining the workforce and broader economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boston has a longstanding commitment to protecting immigrant communities, defending human rights, and opposing federal actions that undermine humanitarian protections, public safety, and community stability; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council strongly condemns the termination of Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, recognizing it as a harmful and dangerous policy that disregards on-the-ground realities and threatens the lives, livelihoods, and futures of Haitian residents who call Boston home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council urges the Administration and Congress to reverse this decision, restore Haiti's TPS designation, and work collaboratively with local, state, and federal partners to ensure stability, safety, and dignity for all affected families, while standing in unwavering solidarity with Boston's Haitian community.