



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

- 1188** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$1,271,380.38) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a comprehensive youth employment programs to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.
- 1189** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$423,132.00) in the form of a grant, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund and support jobs seekers by providing staffing at the MassHire Career Centers to help them enroll in education and training programs funded by ARPA upskilling.

- 1190** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$350,151.85) in the form of a grant for the Carry-In RESEA Program for Field CY24 Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for training and education resources and programs.
- 1191** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$229,879.74) in the form of a grant, for the Shared Street and Spaces grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund safety infrastructure design and construction for a more accessible Goodearl Square.
- 1192** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston Climate Jobs Alliance Grant, awarded by Citizens Bank Foundation/ Community Relations to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund critical outreach and job coaching for workers in training to ensure placement into jobs that enhance climate resilience as part of the Boston Climate Jobs Alliance.
- 1193** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Liberty Mutual Climate Resiliency Grant, awarded by Liberty Mutual Foundation, Inc., to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund mitigative and adaptive approaches to climate change. By supporting innovative solutions, scaling proven strategies, and promoting nature-based initiatives, this funding empowers grassroots efforts to tackle environmental challenges.

- 1194** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$77,122.35) in the form of a grant, the Carry-In WIOA Dislocated Workers Administration 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 will fund administrative cost associated with providing programming to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.
- 1195** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in the form of a grant, from the Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston, awarded by State Street Global Advisors to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund young people ages 14-24 an opportunity to work and learn, along with intensive staff support.
- 1196** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$60,573.35) in the form a of a grant, for the Carry-In WIOA Adult Administration Grant, awarded by the 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 administrative cost associated with Boston's MassHire Career Centers, which help resident adult job seekers access employment, education, job training, apprenticeship, and support services.
- 1197** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$50,027.55) in the form a grant from the Department of Transitional WPP Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will 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.

- 1198** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$34,349.36) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-In Regional Planning Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities.
- 1199** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$8,943.77) in the form of a grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for disabled individuals who are clients at Boston MassHire Career Centers.
- 1200** Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Thousand Seventy-Four Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$3,074.94) in the form of a grant for the SCSEP Grant, awarded by the MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for older adults and individuals with disabilities who are clients at Boston's MassHire Career Centers.
- 1201** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Eight Cents (\$1,861.08) in the form of a grant, for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund reemployment services to workers who have lost their jobs or experienced a reduction in hours and wages due to increased imports or shifts in production outside the United States.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- 1202** Communication was received from the Mayor in regards to the FY2026 Budget that has taken effect.
- 1203** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Andrea Caruth, as Director of the Department of Supplier Diversity, effective June 9, 2025.
- 1204** Communication was receive from Dr. Samuel DePina, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Boston Public Schools, transferring certain information under Section 17F; relative to conduct and safety procedures and policies for Boston Public Schools in District 3, Docket #1142, passed by the Council on June 4, 2025.
- 1205** The Constable Bonds of Ruth Baez-Velez, Russell C, Castagne, Derrick Hughes and Mark Weisberg having been duly approved by the Collector-Treasurer were received.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- 0394** The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, to which was referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0394, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs, submits a report recommending the order ought to pass.
- 0888** The Committee on Housing and Community Development, to which was referred on April 16, 2025, Docket #0888, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS. The award amount is estimated from prior years, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

- [0889](#) The Committee on Housing and Community Development, to which was referred on April 16, 2025, Docket #0889, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and shelter services. The award amount is estimated from prior years, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
- [0885](#) The Committee on Housing and Community Development, to which was referred on April 16, 2025, Docket #0885, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY25 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund housing, economic development and social services program. The award amount is estimated from prior years, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
- [0886](#) The Committee on Housing and Community Development, to which was referred on April 16, 2025, Docket #0886, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, and also provide operating support for community development corporations. The award amount is estimated from prior years, submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
- [1187](#) The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on June 4, 2025, Docket #1187, Docket #1187, Communication was received from Eneida Tavares, Chair of the Board of Election, regarding the Citizen Petition to create an Office of Inspector General, submits a report recommending that this matter ought to pass in a new draft.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- [0266](#) Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.
- [0423](#) Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.
- [0124](#) Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027.
- [0727](#) Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lisa Tharp as a Primary Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.
- [0176](#) Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- [1206](#) **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Ordinance amending the City of Boston code, Section 6-6.3, Schedule of Parking Fines.
- [1207](#) **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the traffic and parking management plan for White Stadium game days.
- [1208](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution denouncing the renaming of US Navy Ship Harvey Milk and other US Navy Ships named after important Civil Rights Advocates.
- [1209](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to study and address Downtown Office Vacancies and City Revenue.
- [1210](#) **Councilor Louijeune and Durkan offered the following:** Resolution in support of home care workers bargaining for a fair contract.
- [1211](#) **Councilor Pepén and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing June as Men's Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Boston.
- [1212](#) **Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of extended hybrid work accommodations for Rosemarie Pessia during cancer treatment.

GREEN SHEETS:

11/25 Legislative Calendar for June 11, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1213 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 4 people at the 2025 Men's Mind, Body & Spirit Summit.
- 1214 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 141 organizations and individuals for their leadership and contribution to Santana's Pride events 2025.
- 1215 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Rosabelli Coelho.
- 1216 **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Savin Hill Yacht Club.
- 1217 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Louise Bonar.
- 1218 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing Lu Agosti, and Justin Liu.
- 1219 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Fran Gershwin.
- 1220 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution celebrating Charlesgate Alliance.
- 1221 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Susan Rolfe, RN.
- 1222 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Black Seed Cafe & Grill.
- 1223 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing EMPATH Economic Mobility Pathways.
- 1224 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Rosa Sobradelo.
- 1225 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Haley House.
- 1226 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jovita Fontanez.

- 1227** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing May's Cake House.
- 1228** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Drydock Cafe.
- 1229** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Association.
- 1230** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association.
- 1231** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cruz Companies, Inc.
- 1232** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jacques' Cabaret.
- 1233** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing American Provisions.
- 1234** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing JJ Foley's Cafe.
- 1235** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Peach Farm Restaurant.
- 1236** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing East Berkeley Neighborhood Association.
- 1237** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution congratulating Mrs. Olivia Cichon.



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06-06-2025

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 ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS (**\$1,271,380.38**) in the form of a grant, the WIOA Youth Program 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 a comprehensive youth employment program to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.

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 WIOA Youth Program 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 ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS (**\$1,271,380.38**) would fund a comprehensive youth employment program to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment. 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 WIOA Youth Program grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS (**\$1,271,380.38**).

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WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury 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 FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS **(\$423,132.00)** would fund and support job seekers by providing staffing at the MassHire Career Centers to help them enroll in education and training programs funded by ARPA upskilling grants. Therefore be it

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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

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The grant would fund safety infrastructure design and construction for a more accessible Goodearl Square.

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.

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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Shared Streets and Spaces grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FOUR CENTS (**\$229,879.74**) would fund safety infrastructure design and construction for a more accessible Goodearl Square. Therefore be it

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06-04-2025

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 TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$200,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the Boston Climate Jobs Alliance grant, awarded by Citizens Bank Foundation / Community Relations to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund critical outreach and job coaching for workers in training to ensure placement into jobs that enhance climate resilience as part of the Boston Climate Jobs Alliance.

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.

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Boston Climate Jobs Alliance grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY Citizens Bank Foundation / Community Relations.

WHEREAS, the Citizens Bank Foundation / Community Relations, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$200,000.00**) would fund critical outreach and job coaching for workers in training to ensure placement into jobs that enhance climate resilience as part of the Boston Climate Jobs Alliance. Therefore be it

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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 ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (**\$125,000.00**) in the form of a grant, the Liberty Mutual Climate Resiliency grant, awarded by Liberty Mutual Foundation INC to be administered by the Office Workforce Development.

The grant would fund mitigative and adaptive approaches to climate change. By supporting innovative solutions, scaling proven strategies, and promoting nature-based initiatives, this funding empowers grassroots efforts to tackle environmental challenges.

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.

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WHEREAS, the Liberty Mutual Foundation INC, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$125,000.00) would fund mitigative and adaptive approaches to climate change. By supporting innovative solutions, scaling proven strategies, and promoting nature-based initiatives, this funding empowers grassroots efforts to tackle environmental challenges. Therefore be it

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06-04-2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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The grant would fund administrative costs associated with providing programming to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.

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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston FUNDS, AWARDED BY State Street Global Advisors.

WHEREAS, the State Street Global Advisors, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Office Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$70,000.00)** would fund young people ages 14-24 an opportunity to work and learn, along with intensive staff support. 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 State Street Global Advisors, Friends of Youth Opportunity Boston award not to exceed the amount of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$70,000.00)**.

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

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by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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

06-04-2025

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 SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (**\$60,573.35**) in the form of a grant, Carry-in WIOA Adult Admin, 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 administrative costs associated with Boston's MassHire Career Centers, which help resident adult job seekers access employment, education, job training, apprenticeships, and support services.

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 Carry-in WIOA Adult Admin 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 SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (**\$60,573.35**) would fund administrative costs associated with Boston's MassHire Career Centers, which help resident adult job seekers access employment, education, job training, apprenticeships, and support services. 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' Carry-in WIOA Adult Admin award not to exceed the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (**\$60,573.35**).

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06-06-2025

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 FIFTY THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS **(\$50,027.55)** 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 FIFTY THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS **(\$50,027.55)** 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 FIFTY THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS **(\$50,027.55)**.

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06-06-2025

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 THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (**\$34,349.36**) in the form of a grant, the Carry-in Regional Planning 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 regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities.

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
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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Carry-in Regional Planning 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 THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (**\$34,349.36**) would fund regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities. 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 Carry-in Regional Planning grant award not to exceed the amount of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (**\$34,349.36**).

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06-06-2025

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 EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$8,943.77**) in the form of a grant, the Massability/Rehabilitation Commission 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 disabled individuals who are clients at Boston's MassHire Career Centers.

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 Massability/Rehabilitation Commission 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 EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$8,943.77**) would fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for disabled individuals who are clients at Boston's MassHire Career Centers. 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 Massability/Rehabilitation Commission grant award not to exceed the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS (**\$8,943.77**).

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06-04-2025

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 THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY-FOUR CENTS **(\$3,074.94)** in the form of a grant, SCSEP 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 older adults and individuals with disabilities who are clients at Boston's MassHire Career Centers.

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,

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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND SCSEP 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 THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY-FOUR CENTS (**\$3,074.94**) would fund employment and training assistance, career counseling and job search assistance for older adults and individuals with disabilities who are clients at Boston's MassHire Career Centers. 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, SCSEP grant award not to exceed the amount of THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY-FOUR CENTS (**\$3,074.94**).

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Mayor

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

06-04-2025

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 ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS **(\$1,861.08)** in the form of a grant, Trade Adjustment Assistance 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 reemployment services to workers who have lost their jobs or experienced a reduction in hours and wages due to increased imports or shifts in production outside the United States.

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 Trade Adjustment Assistance 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 ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (**\$1,861.08**) would fund reemployment services to workers who have lost their jobs or experienced a reduction in hours and wages due to increased imports or shifts in production outside the United States. 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' Trade Adjustment Assistance grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (**\$1,861.08**).

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

June 9, 2025

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby approve of the amended Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget for the City of Boston. The \$4.8 billion FY26 Annual Operating Budget and \$4.5 billion five-year FY26-30 Capital Plan responsibly protect the critical City services our residents and businesses rely on, while continuing to fulfill the City's commitments as an employer, asset owner, and economic driver.

We are grateful to Ways and Means Committee Chair Brian Worrell for his leadership throughout the Council process, and to all colleagues for joining and sharing the feedback you are hearing from our residents. Through proactive and collaborative improvements to the budget process and 48 public City Council sessions, this budget incorporates shared priorities and reflects the needs of our residents.

Under a challenging and rapidly shifting federal landscape, this budget prioritizes resources for the most fundamental services delivered at the local level for Boston to be a home for everyone—focusing on basic city services, health and safety, education, and housing affordability. Our mission to be the safest, greenest, and most family-friendly city in the country requires doubling down on progress to support public education and services for youth and seniors, community safety and public health, climate resiliency and mobility, affordability and economic opportunity. In the face of national economic uncertainty, the City of Boston maintains strong financial health from consistent and responsible budget management, reflected in our consistent AAA bond ratings for the twelfth year in a row and annual balanced budgets.

Through Council's leadership and thoughtful deliberation, this amended budget continues the investments in housing, economic and quality of life issues, public health and safety, youth summer jobs, and many other shared priorities. Importantly, it makes these critical investments in a fiscally responsible way, ensuring departmental budgets are equipped to continue to deliver city services.

I look forward to the continued partnership of the City Council as we continue to monitor the economic landscape, and carefully manage in the face of economic and federal uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

May 28, 2025

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 Section 35 of City of Boston Charter, Acts of 1909, c. 486, s. 9, I hereby appoint Andrea Caruth of 1 Westford Place Apt. 2 Allston, MA 02134, as Director of the Department of Supplier Diversity, effective Monday, June 9, 2025 until termination, resignation, removal, or replacement.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

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Office of the Superintendent

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June 3, 2025

Councilor John Fitzgerald
City Councilor District 3
Boston City Hall, One City Square
Boston, MA 02201

Councilor Fitzgerald,

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the Summary of Boston Public Schools Policies. This document summarizes many of our laws, policies, regulations and practices, and contains all policies pertaining to safety and discipline. It also includes the circular related to discipline of students with disabilities, and the full Code of Conduct. These Circulars outline the Safety and discipline procedure and policies for the district as a whole.

These documents are also available to the public at
<https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/about-bps/policies-and-procedures-superintendents-circulars>

Please let me know if you have any questions related to the documents provided.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel DePina".

Dr. Samuel DePina
Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Boston Public Schools





SUMMARY OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICIES

FOR CURRENT STUDENTS & FAMILIES

The Summary of Boston Public Schools (BPS) Policies summarizes many helpful laws, policies, regulations, and practices important to current students and their parents, families and guardians. It is not intended to be a complete directory of all laws and policies concerning students and parents. If you are interested in enrolling in Boston Public Schools please see our [Enrollment webpage](#) where you can find information and policies related to registration and assignment.

Federal and state laws, BPS policies, regulations, and practices at the district and school building levels are subject to change. Some information may have changed since this summary was last updated in March 2025. This guide is distributed annually to all families and is available on the BPS website.

The Summary is available in Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese. It will be translated into other languages upon request.

Produced by:
Boston Public Schools
Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building
2300 Washington Street, Roxbury MA 02119

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Find further information and policies not listed above on the <u>BPS Policies & Procedures</u> , <u>Superintendent's Circulars</u> webpage or your school's student and family handbook.	

Who to Contact:

The Boston Public Schools encourages students and families to reach out if you have questions about any of these policies, if you would like to submit a concern or complaint, or if you need further support.

You can always reach out to your school's Main Office or School Leader. If further information is needed, families may contact the BPS Helpline by phone at 617-635-8873 or by email at helpline@bostonpublicschools.org from Monday - Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm.

If you need translation and interpretation services, contact the main office of your child/children(s) school. If your preferred language of communication is other than English, the District/School must provide you with "Essential Information" in the language you specify.

For more information on language access policies see Superintendent's Circular FAM-08. More information about services can be found in the Language Access Toolkit for Families.

Discipline Policies:

The Boston Public Schools deeply believes that a safe, positive, just, mutually supportive, and restorative school community fosters learning, childhood, and youth development, and reduces the need to resort to school exclusion. Addressing student conduct includes working to understand the context and systems in which the behavior manifested.

Student Rights and Responsibilities:

All Boston Public Schools Students have rights that entitle you to a free public education, and all students and parents have responsibilities as a partner! You can find a list of the rights students have as members of the Boston Public Schools community at this link or from your school. Students also have the responsibility of abiding by school and district rules. Students with disabilities (including students with IEPs and/or 504 plans, students being evaluated for a disability, and students who are suspected of having a disability but have not begun evaluation) have additional rights that can be found in Superintendent's Circular SPE-15 and the full BPS Code of Conduct.

There are two systems of rules and consequences within BPS. All students must abide by the Code of Conduct. All school communities have the right to create unique *school based rules*, but they must be developed and reviewed through the district's formal school based rules process. School based rules and consequences cannot supersede the BPS Code of Conduct and they cannot lead to exclusionary practices (i.e. suspension).

BPS Code of Conduct:

More information can be found in the full BPS Code of Conduct.

Students and families should be aware of their due process rights if they are being considered for a BPS Code of Conduct violation, which can be found on the due process checklist. Students and families have the right to disciplinary interventions before exclusion from school is considered.

Students with disabilities have additional rights outlined in Superintendent's Circular SPE-15

Possible consequences for violations may include:

- Alternative remedies (ex: mediation)
- Alternative to suspension (ex: detention)
- Suspension (in-school or out-of-school)
- Expulsion (drugs, weapons, felony convictions and assault on educational staff)

School Based Rules:

Any school based rules adopted must be developed following district wide guidance, and may not conflict with the BPS Code of Conduct. School based rules may not lead to exclusionary practices, and need to be accompanied by a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and alternative remedies to outline how rules will be enforced through supportive and restorative practices.

Possible consequences for violations of school based rules may include:

- Alternative remedies (ex: mediation)
- Alternatives to suspension (ex: detention)

Due Process & Parental Involvement:

For more information on these policies see Superintendent Circular Sup-05

Before determining disciplinary action for offenses outlined in Section 7 of the Code of Conduct, the school must explore ways to re-engage the student in the learning process through alternative remedies aligned with their schoolwide models. Before suspension, schools are required to implement/document alternative remedies in the ASPEN system. The available alternative remedies may include: (1) mediation; (2)

conflict resolution; (3) restorative justice; and (4) collaborative problem-solving. If an alternative remedy is not used, the school must record this decision in ASPEN and provide written notification to the parent/guardian/caregiver, explaining why the alternative remedy was deemed unsuitable, counterproductive, or why the student's continued presence at school would pose a serious risk of harm to others.

If the school leader chooses to move forward with considering exclusion from school, the school leader shall provide oral and written notice to the student and the parent in English and their primary language of the home, or other means of communication where appropriate. Students and their families have the right to participate in a hearing regarding the incident. The notice will explain:

1. the disciplinary offense
2. the basis for the charge (ex: description of the incident)
3. the potential consequences, including the potential for suspension/expulsion and the potential length of the suspension
4. the right for the student and parent/guardian/caregiver to attend a hearing with the school leader or designee
 - a. Student has the right to dispute the charges
 - b. Student may present explanation of the alleged incident
5. the date, time, and location of the hearing
6. the right of the student and the parent/guardian/caregiver to interpreter services at the hearing if needed to participate
7. to proceed with a hearing without a parent/guardian/caregiver present, the school leader must make effort to contact the parent/guardian/caregiver in writing
8. A student's right to make academic progress
9. The right to appeal a suspension decision to the Superintendent's designee
10. The right to appeal an expulsion decision to the Superintendent

Note: If the student is subject to emergency removal, the hearing will follow the emergency removal process. See the "Emergency Removal" section of the Code of Conduct for more information.

Anti-Bullying Policy:

For more information on the district's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan, see Superintendent Circular SSS-18.

- Bullying is defined as being repeated, intentional, and involves a power imbalance, or perceived power imbalance. This may be committed by one or more students or any member of school staff in a written, verbal, or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture directed at a target.
- Schools are responsible for investigating incidents that occur during and after school, on weekends and on school and summer breaks.

If you believe that your child has been a target of bullying or retaliation you can reach out to a trusted adult at your child's school, file a bullying report [here](#) or call the Bullying Hotline at 617-592-2378.

Non-Discrimination and Harassment Policy:

For more information on these policies see the "Equity" section of the Superintendent's Circulars.

The Boston Public Schools, in accordance with its nondiscrimination policies, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, criminal record, physical or mental disability, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, homelessness, sex/gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, genetics, natural or protective hairstyle, military status, immigration status, English language proficiency, or any other factor prohibited by law in its programs and activities. BPS does not tolerate any form of retaliation, or bias-based intimidation, threat or harassment that demeans individuals' dignity or interferes with their ability to work or learn.

The BPS Office of Civil Rights investigates all allegations of discrimination, harassment, bias or retaliation. In the case of sexual misconduct, investigations are referred to the Title IX Coordinator to determine how the investigation will proceed. Harassment, including sexual harassment, is any unwelcome behavior that creates a hostile or intimidating environment for the victim. All investigations will ensure a prompt response and be resolved in a timely manner.

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits discrimination based on sex (gender). It states: No person in the US shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance

At the time of publication, Jose Lopez is the acting Director of Compliance and Title IX. The Title IX Coordinator can be contacted at titleIX@bostonpublicschools.org or 617-635-9650. Up to date information can be found on this [webpage](#).

How to Report: If you or your student have experienced or witnessed discrimination, harassment, retaliation, or a bias-based or sexual misconduct incident, you or your student may report directly to a trusted school staff member, or you may file a confidential report via phone or email to the Office of Civil Rights at 617-635-9650 or via email at ocr@bostonpublicschools.org

Academic Policies:

BPS is committed to ensuring that every graduate is a lifelong learner, a productive worker, a responsible citizen, and a thoughtful participant in our diverse communities. The academic policies define and reinforce both student and adult responsibilities that support students in meeting these expectations.

Attendance Policies: For more information on this policy, see [Superintendent Circular ACA-18](#).

- Call the school by 10am each day if your student will miss school for any reason.
- Absences will be excused at the review of the school team and a note must be provided to the school within 7 days of the absence.
- Students with excessive absences or tardies, defined as 18 or more across a full school year, may be required to participate in a collaborative success plan to improve their attendance.

Grading Policy: For more information on this policy see [Superintendent Circular CAO-08](#).

Promotion Policy: For more information on this policy see [Superintendent Circular CAO-01](#).

Academic Support Services: For more information on special services see each section linked below.

- **Counseling:** Refer to [Superintendent's Circular SPE-14](#).
- **Special Education Services:** Refer to [the BPS Family Guide for Students with Disabilities](#) which was designed to help families understand the special

education process and their role as valued team members. This guide includes information about how to request evaluation for special education services and supports available to students with 504 plans.

- If you would like to request a referral for an educational evaluation to determine if your student has a disability you can contact the Coordinator of Special Education (COSE) at your school.
 - At the time of publication, the district's Section 504 Coordinator is Olga Garriga, Deputy Chief of Services and Accountability in the Office of Specialized Services.
 - Multilingual Learner Services: Refer to Superintendent's Circular CAO-05. This guide includes information about the types of services available to multilingual learners in the district and more regarding the rights, notifications, and supports available to multilingual learners and their families.
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Safety Procedures:

For more information on these policies and other emergency procedures can be found in the "Fire Safety and Emergency Management" section of the Superintendent's Circulars.

- Each school will finalize a safety plan and conduct fire drills and safe mode drills regularly as required by law.
 - Families/Caregivers can expect communication on any emergency or safety concerns via ParentSquare.
 - BPS welcomes all families' and visitors to our schools. All members of the school community are asked to abide by the school visitor guidelines and school access control policies for the safety of our students, families, and staff.
 - Your child's school will have additional information specific to the building.
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Technology Usage Policy:

For more information on these policies see Superintendent Circular OIIT-01.

- The Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) outlines responsible use and prohibited activities when using all technology (networks, electronic devices, and online resources) regardless of if this is on a personal device.

- Every student is expected to follow all of the rules and conditions listed in the AUP and the school based rules and regulations in the Code of Conduct that relate to use of technology.
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Family Communication and Engagement:

For guidance on how to contact the district about questions or concerns, and information on language access, please see [page 3](#) of this summary.

Opportunities for Shared Decision Making and Advisory Roles

School Site Councils: For more information of School Site Councils (SSCs), see [Superintendent's Circular FAM-02](#)

- Each BPS school is required by MA law to have a School Site Council (SSC). The role of the School Site Council is to engage parents and teachers to serve with the school leader as the decision-making body of the school.

School Parent Councils: For more information of School Parent Councils (SPCs), see [Superintendent's Circular FAM-01](#)

- Parents are elected to the SSC via the School Parent Council (SPC). SPCs provide an opportunity for families to be more deeply engaged at the school level, partnering with the school leader to improve school culture.
- All parents or legal guardians of a child attending a particular school are automatically members of that school's SPC.

In addition to the school-based SPC, there are district wide parent advisory councils that bring together parents across schools to serve as advisors to district leadership.

- Citywide Parent Council (CPC) is the district-wide voice for parents and is composed of representatives from each school.
- [The Special Education Parent Advisory Council \(SpEdPAC\)](#) represents the families of students with disabilities who receive special education services. Districts are required to establish a SpEdPAC by MA law.
- [The District English Learner Advisory Committee \(DELAC\)](#) works to ensure that parents are informed about all aspects of BPS that affect English learners and provide recommendations to the Office of Multicultural and Multilingual Education

If you are interested in joining your school's Parent Council or Site Council, please reach out to your child's school. Each SPC can elect representatives for each of the district advisory councils.

Title I Engagement Requirements

For more information on Title I Engagement policies see Superintendent's Circular FAM-05

All schools receiving federal Title I Funds are required to do the following related to family engagement:

1. Have a written Family Engagement Plan/Policy
2. Have a Home-School Compact: For more information see Superintendent's Circular FAM-07
 - This is a written commitment indicating how all members of a school community — families, educators, and students- to agree to share responsibility for student learning.
3. Set aside a minimum of 1% of Title I allocation in the school's budget for family engagement to be developed or decided in collaboration with parents and approved by the School Parent Council and School Site Council or Governing Board.

Schools are required to:

4. Host an annual parent meeting to discuss school priorities and programs under Title I by October 31.
5. Build capacity of both families and teachers to effectively engage with one another to improve student learning

School Cancellation:

For more information on this policy see Superintendent Circular LGL-07.

On occasion, the BPS may need to close school because of bad weather or an emergency situation. We communicate cancellation information in the following ways:

- ParentSquare notifications
- The BPS Website
- Press and Media Reports

If bad weather develops during the school day, dismissal will be at the regular time. If schools are closed, all after-school programs in BPS, BPS athletic events, and

evening classes and events are also cancelled. In the event of a school cancellation, the missed day will be made up at the end of the school year in order to comply with state law that the school year for students must be 180 days. If necessary, we will adjust the BPS calendar and you will receive information from your child's school.

Student Records:

For more information on this policy see Superintendent Circular LGL-07.

The Boston Public Schools maintains student records for all students in line with the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and with relevant state law.

- Transcripts, or permanent records, include the student's name, date of birth, address, years and grades completed, and courses and grades earned. This information is kept on file for 60 years after the student has left the school system.
 - Temporary records include other information and will be destroyed seven years after the student leaves the system, upon written notification to the student or parent/guardian.
 - Students and custodial parents have the right to inspect or copy their student's records, to request an amendment of the record, and to appeal their request. Authorized school staff also have access to student records when it is necessary to perform their duties. Non-custodial parents may also request access to a student's record in some circumstances. For more information on these rights and processes, see Superintendent Circular LGL-07.
 - Unless the parent or eligible student has previously indicated in writing their disapproval of the release of such information, the school may release the following directory information: student's name, age, grade level, and dates of enrollment. Schools may also share information as requested with certain state agencies or in the case of a subpoena. Certain third parties, including military recruiters, higher education institutions, charter schools, or other schools, may request directory information for enrolled students. Parents or students may opt out of sharing their information in certain cases in writing by completing the Student Information Update form by September 30 of each year. For more information, see Superintendent Circular LGL-10.
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Transportation:

Transportation Eligibility: For more information, visit the [Transportation website](#). BPS students in grades K-6 are eligible for BPS yellow bus transportation if they attend a school within their home base and meet the mileage requirements. If your child is eligible for a school bus, we will send a notice before school starts with their bus stop location, pick-up and drop-off time, and bus numbers. Parents will be notified if this information changes, and current transportation assignments can be accessed on Zum.

Students in grades 7-12 use MBTA buses and subways for transportation service and receive a free monthly seven-day MBTA pass to use this service. Each school is provided passes and distributes them to all their eligible students on the first day of school. It is recommended that students receive travel training to and from school prior to the first day of attendance. Students in grade 6 may also opt-in to receive MBTA service instead of a yellow bus, provided they are eligible for yellow bus service. Students in grades K0-5 may not receive MBTA passes.

For schools that are not easily accessible by the MBTA, BPS may offer yellow bus shuttle service between an MBTA hub and the school. The BPS Department of Transportation and the MBTA decides which schools might receive this service.

Parents may request a variety of changes to their child's transportation assignment through our Support Portal by opening a new support ticket. Please note that requests are not guaranteed approval. If approved, requests do not carry over to the following school year and need to be resubmitted. All requests received before the first Friday in August will receive a response before the start of school. Requests received after the first Friday in August and in September may take several additional weeks to process and may not be in effect for the first day of school. Requests during the year may take 2-3 weeks to process.

Special Education Transportation: For more information, visit the [Special Education website](#).

BPS Transportation provides specialized transportation services for students with disabilities in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. Some students with IEPs or Section 504 Plans may also be picked up and dropped off at a corner stop, receive an MBTA pass, or walk to school.

Transportation Policies: For more information, visit the [Transportation website](#).

On the BPS Transportation website, families can find our full policies and guidance around the following topics:

- Rights and Responsibilities of students, families, and bus drivers/monitors, created with the goal of ensuring safety for all bus riders and effectiveness of the transportation system.
 - Note that the school bus is considered an extension of the classroom, and all BPS Code of Conduct and School-Based Rules remain the same. For more information about Transportation and Student Discipline, visit [Superintendent's Circular TRN-02](#).
- AM Pick Up Policy: Students are expected to be at their designated bus stop 10 minutes before its scheduled arrival time and must be visible to the driver.
- PM Drop Off Policy: Students with door-to-door service must have a parent/guardian present in order to be dropped off. Students with corner bus stops may get off the bus without a parent/guardian present if they are comfortable.

Zum: We encourage BPS families and caregivers to download the Zūm App for parents to track rides at app.ridezum.com. The first time parents login they will be asked to verify their credentials by answering a few simple questions about their student (e.g. what school they attend, what street they live on). Parents/guardians cannot edit contact information and/or login details directly on the Zum App - they must update their information through a BPS Welcome Center. If you experience any trouble using the site or have questions about your login information, please contact us by email or at our Transportation Hotline, and we will help resolve the issue.

Contacting BPS Transportation:

- Support Portal: bostonpublicschoolshelp.freshdesk.com/support/home This is the best channel to communicate any non-urgent questions or concerns. You will receive a response to your ticket within 7-10 days, if not sooner.
- Transportation Hotline: Call [617-635-9520](tel:617-635-9520) from 6 am-7 pm on school days. In addition, the hotline is open for limited hours on school vacations.
- Email: Email schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org and you will receive a response within 2-3 school days.

Annual Notices:

Boston Public Schools is required to notify families of certain laws, policies, and rights each year. See below to learn more about each one.

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Annual Notice	Description	Link to full policy
Anti-Hazing	Hazing is not permitted at Boston Public Schools.	LGL-01 Anti-Hazing
Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)	Each school building has an AHERA Management Plan, and the BPS Environmental Division updates them regularly.	Located in the Main Office of each school building
Human Sexuality Education	Parents/guardians of students who receive human sexuality education will be notified and may choose to opt out of said curriculum.	HWD-05 Human Sexuality Education
Immunization Policy	All students must provide proof of immunizations to enroll at Boston Public Schools or provide a religious/medical exemption annually.	SHS-06 Immunization Law
Title I: Highly Qualified Teachers	All families have a right to request information about their teachers' qualifications. In addition, all families with students enrolled in Title I schools will receive a notice when their student has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state licensure requirements. This is usually sent in the Fall.	"Right-To-Know": Teacher Not Meeting State Licensure Requirements
Title I: School Report Cards	All families will receive a notice of their school's report card about their school and district performance. Report cards help families see where schools and districts are succeeding and where there is still work to do.	Report Cards Flyer
Vehicle Idling Policy	No cars or buses may idle on school grounds. Violations will be addressed via the Code of Conduct.	See Massachusetts General Law 37H and full BPS Code of Conduct
Wellness Policy	Information regarding the district's efforts to maintain a healthy school environment, including physical education, health and sex education, health services, participation in the National School Lunch program. In particular, families should be aware of BPS's nutrition policy guidelines and that all BPS	HWD-01 Wellness Policy

	students are eligible for free breakfast, lunch, after school meals, and summer meals.	
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Further Information:

More information and policies can be found as below:

- In your school's student and family handbook: Each school has their own handbook, which will be distributed at the beginning of the year. Reach out to your school's main office or School Leader for a copy. Contents may vary by school. Examples of contents you may find include:
 - School motto, mission, vision, and/or core values
 - Staff Directory and Communication protocols
 - School Based Rules, including student rights and responsibilities
 - Dress code
 - School Daily Schedule
 - School specific protocols, such as entrance, arrival, and dismissal procedures
 - Further academic policies, including progress report and report card schedules, grading and homework policies, credit recovery opportunities, etc.
 - Extracurricular opportunities, including clubs and sports
 - School specific resources
- Superintendent's Circulars: Additional circulars are available on the BPS website.

DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

This circular will remain in effect unless rescinded or superseded by a subsequent version

It is the intention of the Boston Public Schools to meet all compliance standards and to observe all federal regulations in addressing the discipline of students with disabilities. Therefore, this memorandum has been revised and reissued to reflect the regulation changes contained in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, amendments of 2004 (IDEA-04). Discipline of students with a disability is governed by these federal regulations.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

A manifestation determination review examines the relationship between a student's disability and their misconduct. It must be performed when a school proposes disciplinary measures that will result in a change of placement for a student with a disability. Students with disabilities may be removed through discipline in the same manner as non-disabled peers if the removal does not constitute a change of placement. These procedures apply to students who are supported by an Individualized Education Program (IEP),

students supported by a 504 Plan, and certain other students who meet the criteria outlined in the section "Students Not Yet Eligible for Special Education," as discussed below.

A manifestation determination must occur within 10 days of any decision to change the student's placement because of a violation of a code of student conduct. A change of placement occurs when:

1. The student is removed from school or their program for more than 10 consecutive school days; or
2. The student has been subjected to a series of removals that constitute a pattern:
 - a) Because the series of removals totals more than 10 school days in a school year; or
 - b) Because the behavior is substantially similar to the student's behavior in previous incidents that resulted in the series of removals.

When suspension of a disabled student will constitute a "change of placement" the principal/head of school must comply with the following procedures. Relevant members of the student's IEP Team or members knowledgeable of the student's 504 Plan, shall conduct a Manifestation Determination Team meeting. The team members should include the school administrator who was involved in the discipline, and relevant teachers and related service providers, and the parents/guardians. In this Team meeting, the parent shall receive a Team Meeting Invitation to the manifestation Team determination meeting, along with Parents' Notice of Procedural Safeguards. At that review

meeting, the Team must determine if the misconduct was a manifestation of the student's disability (see Attachment C) or a result of the district's failure to implement the IEP or 504 Plan. This must take place prior to the change in placement (i.e. day 11) and within 10 school days of the decision to change the student's placement. In making this determination, the Team must consider all relevant information in the student's file, including:

- The IEP or 504 Plan
- Any teacher observations
- Any relevant information, including the most recent evaluations
- Any information provided by the parent or guardian (see Attachment C)

The Team must consider two questions at a manifestation determination meeting:

1. Was the conduct in question caused by the student's disability, or did it have a direct and substantial relationship to the student's disability?
 2. Was the conduct in question the direct result of the district's failure to implement the student's IEP or 504 Plan?
- If the answer to **both** questions 1 and 2 is **NO**, the behavior is not a manifestation of the student's disability, and the student can be disciplined in the same manner as non-disabled students.
- If the answer to **either** of the questions is **YES**, the Team has decided that the behavior is a manifestation of the

student's disability. As such, the student must remain in the educational placement indicated on the IEP or 504 Plan unless the parent and the district agree to change the placement at an IEP Team meeting, or the district seeks removal through the BSEA or court. The team must consider any necessary changes to the student's IEP or 504 Plan.

The results of the manifestation determination Team meeting should be made available to the administrator conducting the disciplinary hearing. A copy of the manifestation determination finding should be on file in the student's folder.

If the Team decided the misconduct was a manifestation of the disability (i.e., if the conduct was caused by or had a substantial relationship to the child's disability, or if the conduct was a direct result of the LEA's failure to fully implement the IEP or the 504 Plan) the student may not be expelled or suspended and returns to their original placement, unless special circumstances apply, which are discussed below.

If the Team determines the misconduct is not a manifestation of the student's disability, the disciplinary process may proceed, and the student is subject to the same disciplinary proceeding as a non-disabled peer. Per M.G.L. c. 71 s. 37H, 37H $\frac{1}{2}$ and 37H $\frac{3}{4}$, the student would be entitled to receive educational services in the same manner of any suspended/expelled non-disabled peer; This includes notifying parent(s) of the disciplinary action, written notice of the procedural safeguards, and the student and family's right to an appeal or hearing. The student will remain in disciplinary placement until the decision of the appeal hearing officer or until the end of the disciplinary action, whichever

comes first. However, in addition to the general education services, special education services must be provided during the period of suspension or expulsion so as to enable the child to continue to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress toward meeting their IEP goals. The Team needs to discuss the provision of special education services at the Team meeting if the Team finds that it is not a manifestation and discuss how those services will be provided.

If the conduct was a manifestation of the student's disability, the school must conduct a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) (see Attachment D). This assessment should take place as soon as possible, and the Team should assess the student's behavior and develop a Behavioral Intervention Plan (BIP) (see Attachment E) or review and modify any existing plan as necessary. If the conduct was not a manifestation of the student's disability, the team should consider whether a FBA would be beneficial and should conduct it if appropriate, or the team should review any recent FBA or BIP to determine if changes are needed.

Please note that if the parents do not agree to a change in placement or with the manifestation determination, they may request an expedited hearing at the Bureau of Special Education Appeals.

PROTECTIONS FOR STUDENTS NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Under IDEA 2004 a student who has not been determined to be eligible for special education and related services, and who has

engaged in behavior that violated any rule or code of conduct, may assert any of the protections under the IDEA provided the school had knowledge the student was a student with a disability before the behavior that precipitated the disciplinary action occurred. Some 504-only students may be found IDEA-eligible as a result of subsequent evaluations.

The school department is deemed to have knowledge that a student is a student with a disability if:

1. The parent expressed concern, in writing, to supervisory or administrative personnel or the child's teacher that the child is in need of services.
2. The parent has requested an evaluation.
3. The teacher of the child or other LEA personnel has expressed specific concerns about a pattern of behavior directly to the director of special education or other supervisory personnel.

NOTE: Under the revised Act, an LEA does not have knowledge if the parent has not consented to or allowed an evaluation, has refused services, or if the child has been evaluated and determined not to be a child with a disability. If the district is deemed to have knowledge the student may be a student with a disability, then the district makes all protections under IDEA available to the student until and unless the student is subsequently determined not to be eligible."

If there is no prior knowledge of disability, the following applies:

The student may be subjected to the same disciplinary measures as those applied to children without disabilities with the following limitations:

If a request is made for an evaluation during the time period in which the student is subjected to disciplinary measures, the evaluation must be conducted in an expedited manner. Until the evaluation is completed, the student remains in the educational placement determined by school authorities.

SUSPENSION REGISTER

Please note that a suspension register should be kept on file for each student with disabilities who has been suspended. It should reflect the offense for which the student was suspended, the dates and duration of the suspension, and the cumulative number of days suspended see (Attachment B). Suspensions should also be logged and reported on the monthly suspension report, Form B (Attachment F).

On the last day of each month, please forward 1 copy of Attachment F to BPS Safety Services, 1 copy to your academic superintendent, and keep 1 copy on file at the school.

Please note: The OSE coordinator should be informed if a

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suspension is being imposed or considered for a student with disabilities. All records of suspension must be forwarded to the OSE coordinator to be included in the student's special education record for that school year.

For more information about this circular, contact:

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A

Requirements for Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Attachment B:

Register of Suspensions of Students with Disabilities

Attachment C

Manifestation Determination (MD)

Attachment D

Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) Process

Attachment E

Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)

Attachment F

Behavioral Intervention Plan (BIP)

Attachment G

Monthly Suspension Report (form B)

Attachment H

Checklist for Discipline of Students with Disabilities



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FOREWARD

The Boston Public Schools ("District" or "BPS") deeply believes that a safe, positive, just, mutually supportive, and restorative school community fosters learning, childhood, and youth development, and reduces the need to resort to school exclusion. Addressing student conduct includes working to understand the context and systems in which the behavior manifested. This Code of Conduct is one of Boston's continued efforts to develop, support, and improve our school community for all students.

BPS's goal is to foster a culture and community that are anti-racist, that encourage the free exchange of ideas, that maximize personal growth, and that develop students' self-agency while upholding their constitutional rights.

Boston is taking steps to reimagine its approach to creating equitable, safe, and collaborative spaces to resolve conflicts, learn, and grow within our school communities. Through evolving its practices and embracing a variety of methods to enhance community building, including restorative justice circles and social and emotional skill building, BPS seeks to identify the root causes of why students experience different discipline outcomes. BPS has tried to tackle those root causes by increasing training in de-escalation strategies for staff members, along with promoting trauma-sensitive approaches that better support students' abilities to identify and navigate situations that they find triggering.

Everyday, BPS aims to develop all students' social emotional learning skills. This begins by crafting policies and procedures that are grounded in these goals. Through this Code of Conduct and its policies, Boston Public Schools aims to establish its expectations and standards for behavior for all community members. To support this expectation, BPS will seek to resolve disruptions and conflicts in accordance with progressive discipline measures and with the goal of keeping students in the classroom and engaged in their learning. To that end, the Code of Conduct is structured as a progressive document that outlines incremental interventions and supports to address student behavior, beginning with prevention efforts, transitioning into suspension alternatives, and ending with removal as a last resort.

When it is determined that a disciplinary hearing is necessary, BPS is committed to ensuring that each student receives a fair hearing in accordance with established rules, regulations, and procedures outlined in this Code of Conduct and provided under the law. BPS further recognizes that students have fundamental legal rights and that these rights may not be abridged, obstructed, or altered. The Boston School Committee and the Superintendent intend that the procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct will always be in compliance with all relevant laws, ordinances, regulations, and policies as they are written and as they are intended to be executed.¹

¹ This edition of the Code of Conduct is in compliance with the mandates of St. 93, C. 71, also known as the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993, as amended by St. 93, C. 380; P.L. 103-382, §14601 (Improving America's Schools Act of 1994); 8 USC, §921 et seq. (United States Code); the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Amendments of 2004 (IDEA-04); and Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2012.

This Code is the sole document issued on behalf of the Boston Public Schools that codifies the rules and regulations governing the conduct of all Boston Public Schools students. This edition of the Code supersedes all school-based rules and all prior editions of the Boston Public Schools Code of Conduct.

Boston Public Schools Mission Statement

As the birthplace of public education in this nation, the Boston Public Schools is committed to transforming the lives of all students and youth through exemplary teaching in a world-class system of innovative, just, welcoming schools. We partner with the community, families and students to develop within every learner the knowledge, skill, and character to excel in college, career, and life.

Equal Educational Opportunity

In accordance with the United States Constitution and applicable federal and state laws and regulations, no student shall be suspended, excluded, or otherwise disciplined on account of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, genetics, or active military status.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

BPS recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe, healthy, equitable, and welcoming school environment. The following principles are essential beliefs that will guide Boston Public Schools staff and partners, students, and families in the shared work of ensuring safe and supportive school environments:

1. Commitment to every student, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, citizenship status, socioeconomic status, or zip code, an opportunity to receive a culturally and linguistically relevant education.
2. Commitment to work to eliminate disproportionality within the Code of Conduct and its implementation by ensuring the use of alternatives to discipline methods, which include restorative practices, and utilizing interventions aimed at resolving conflicts, meeting students' needs, and reducing the need for exclusion, whenever appropriate.
3. The Code of Conduct is intended to be instructive, not punitive. Factors such as age and grade level of the student, the student's social, emotional and intellectual development, and overall student rights and responsibilities shall also be considered at all times.
4. Commitment to being an anti-racist school district.
5. Commitment to provide all students with equitable educational opportunities and a safe learning environment free from harassment, bullying, discrimination, and bias-based conduct, where all community members treat each other with respect and appreciate the rich diversity in our schools.
6. Commitment to ensure students are treated in a fair, consistent, and nondiscriminatory manner.
7. Commitment to create safe, healthy, and supportive school environments by continuing to

provide proactive support to address students' areas of need.

8. Commitment to affirming that students have the full rights deriving from the above-listed sources of legal authority, and that these rights may not be abridged, obstructed, or altered.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO BPS CODE OF CONDUCT

Promoting quality education and safe and supportive schools depends not only upon the responsibilities and rights of students, but also upon the quality of interaction among students, parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, administrators, and BPS staff.

A. Rights of Students

It is not possible to list exhaustively all of the rights of students, but the following are fundamental to ensure that students have access to a safe, welcoming, and just school community. As this list does not capture every right afforded to students, this list may not be used to deny a student a right that they are otherwise entitled to solely because it is not listed here.

1. Under state and federal law, no student shall be excluded from, or be discriminated against, based on their actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, handicap, disability, age, socioeconomic status, active military status, or genetics.
2. Students have the right to use the restrooms, locker rooms, and other facilities consistent with their gender identity, or to use gender-neutral facilities if a student prefers.
3. Students have the right to be addressed by the name and pronoun of their choice.
4. Students have the right to equitable educational opportunities free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, prejudice, and bias-based conduct.
5. Students have the right to participate in certain school activities (e.g., field trips, recess, and electives). If a field trip or school activity is a required learning experience and will result in a graded assignment, students shall not be deprived of the opportunity to participate. The Boston Public Schools strongly believe in supporting and improving the health, as well as the social and emotional development, of our students. As such, it is prohibited for any BPS staff member to stop a student from participating in physical activity (including recess) or extracurricular academic support as a disciplinary consequence, or for any other reason other than illness or safety or as approved by the school leader.
6. Students have the right not to be subjected to unreasonable searches or seizures, unless supported by reasonable suspicion. Searches and seizures must be in compliance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Superintendent's Circulars Student Searches. # SAF-1, and Locker Policy. #SAF-3.
7. Students have the right to certain limitations on Boston Public Schools' creation of Office of School Safety reports and Boston Police Reports related to student conduct, as outlined in the Policy Regarding Preparing and Sharing Incident Reports and Other Student Information.
8. Students have the right to consult with teachers, counselors, and administrators, and other school staff upon reasonable request.
9. Students have the right to free and fair election by secret ballot of their peers in student government and the right to hold office, if elected.
10. Students have the right to have their voices heard in matters affecting them.
11. Students have the right to participate in the development of rules and regulations to which they are

subject and the right to be notified of such rules and regulations.

12. Parents/guardians/caregivers and/or students have various rights under state and federal student records laws, including the right to see all of their student's records and to control who outside the school may see them. (See Superintendent's Circular, # LGL-07).
13. Students with disabilities may have additional rights and protections under federal and state special education law as it relates to the application of the Code of Conduct.

Students in school may exercise their rights to free speech, assembly, press, and association, which are both granted to them and limited by state and federal law. Students are prohibited from expressions that are obscene, according to current legal standards, likely to incite the commission of illegal acts, or are otherwise likely to cause a substantial disruption or materially interfere with the operation of the school. Absent a substantial disruption to the school environment and subject to relevant law, students have the right to:

1. Wear political buttons, armbands, and other badges of symbolic expression.
2. Distribute printed materials and to circulate petitions on school property, including inside school buildings, without prior authorization by school administrators, except that:
 - a. materials distributed and petitions circulated on school property must display the name and address of the individual or sponsoring organization (including the name and address of at least one member of the group) that is distributing or circulating the material or petition; and
 - b. the person(s) distributing or circulating materials or petitions must be (a) student(s) in the school involved; and
 - c. the time for such distribution or circulation shall be limited to periods before school begins, after dismissal, and during lunchtime to prevent interference with the school program; and
 - d. the places for such distribution or circulation in each school shall be reasonably restricted so as to permit the normal flow of traffic within the school and at exterior doors; and
 - e. the manner of such distribution or circulation shall be reasonably restricted so as to prevent undue levels of noise and disruption; and
 - f. students shall be subject to reasonable requirements for removing litter resulting from such distribution or circulation.
3. Use their own bulletin board(s) without censorship, provided:
 - a. all materials, notices, and other communications posted by a student shall include the name and email address of the poster. If the posting relates to a third party, the post must include the student's name and email address and the name and email address of at least one member of the third-party organization; and
 - b. all materials, notices, and other communications shall be dated before posting and removed after a reasonable time to assure full access to the bulletin board(s).
4. Reasonable use of the public address systems and other school media facilities, except that announcements shall be limited to before school, after dismissal, and other times when classes are not in session.
5. Form political and social organizations and to conduct activities in connection with their

formed organization, provided that group membership shall be open to any student and must comply with BPS policies and procedures.

6. Present petitions, complaints, or grievances to appropriate school authorities regarding disciplinary and other school-related issues, except where this Code provides for the formal right of appeal.
7. Personal privacy, including the right to determine their own appearance and select their own style of hair and clothing, subject to reasonable rules.

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

Responsibilities are not a substitute for rules that are included in the Code of Conduct. However, students have the responsibility to:

- Respect the rights of others.
- Respect the diversity of staff and students.
- Contribute to a safe and supportive educational environment.
- Apply their abilities and interests to the improvement of their education and advocate for positive change.
- Exercise the highest degree of self-agency, to the best of their ability, in following the Code of Conduct while meaningfully and positively participating in building the school community.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATEMENT AGAINST BULLYING FOR STUDENTS

Boston Public Schools will not tolerate bullying or cyberbullying, in any form and type, towards others, whether online or in person. Boston Public Schools will promptly investigate all reports and complaints of bullying, and take prompt, effective action to end that behavior and prevent its recurrence. Boston Public Schools seeks to prevent bullying through the use of prevention workshops that build students social and emotional skills and understanding of differences. Students who are concerned or want to report bullying may confidently talk to a trusted staff member or may call the *Safe Space and Bullying Prevention Hotline* 617-592-2378. Additional resources and [support can be found here](#).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATOR

Principals and Heads of School have the responsibility to ensure that the educational needs of all students are met and that all members of the school community are treated fairly and equitably. School leaders must provide all members of their school communities with a safe learning environment free from harassment, bullying, discrimination, and bias-based conduct and where all community members are invested in creating a vibrant and diverse setting for academic success. (See Superintendent's Circular, [SSS #18](#))

Administrators have the responsibility to:

1. Create supportive school environments and promote collaborative services to improve educational outcomes for all students.

2. Protect the mental health and physical well-being of all students and staff.
3. Protect the legal rights of school staff, students, and parents/guardians/caregivers.
4. Support school personnel in the fulfillment of their disciplinary responsibilities as defined by the Code of Conduct and individual school-based rules, by the provision of training on the Code to administrators, teachers, and other school staff.
5. Provide a broad-based and varied curriculum that is consistent with the Massachusetts Curricular requirements and that meets individual needs.
6. Develop and implement preventive and positive disciplinary policies in cooperation with students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and teachers and in conformance with School Committee policy and the Code of Conduct.
7. Contact and involve parents/guardians/caregivers in dealing with disciplinary matters.
8. Inform the community, students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and school staff about policies relating to student conduct.
9. Collect the appropriate information on student conduct and interventions, provide the proper Information Management custodianship so the information can be made available to parents/guardians/caregivers upon request or as otherwise required by law.
10. If the School Administrator determines that student activity may qualify as a violation of the Code of Conduct, the School Administrator must document such activity in the BPS Student Information System (SIS). Additional reporting responsibilities beyond documentation in SIS may be found in the Policy Regarding Preparing and Sharing Incident Reports and Other Student Information.
11. Provide qualified staff to meet the needs of students and to accomplish school goals and objectives.
12. Collaborate with community and government agencies on programs that promote safe, healthy and supportive learning environments.
13. The Building Administrator or designee shall periodically review conduct data with their school based teams by selected student populations (e.g., race and ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, and status as a student with a disability). In reviewing the data, the Principal/Head of School shall monitor for any potential disproportionality in the implementation of emergency removals, suspensions, and expulsions and the impact of such disciplinary action on selected student populations. The Principal/Head of School shall further determine whether it is necessary or appropriate to modify disciplinary practices. The Principal/Head of School shall report the data and the data review results to the school site council or governing board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEACHERS

Teachers and other school personnel are vital to the success of the school. As such, as it relates to the Code of Conduct, Teachers have the responsibility to:

1. Maintain a safe and supportive learning atmosphere.
2. Model qualities of competency, creativity, self-management, and promote self agency of students.
3. Respect each student as a person and maintain professional ethics in relationships with fellow teachers and administrators, and school personnel to support students.
4. Demonstrate understanding and concern for the individual students and his or her needs, including

referring students for special education evaluations in compliance with the requirements of state and federal special education law.

5. Inspire students to have a desire for personal growth.
6. Remain informed about latest professional development training on cultural and linguistically sustaining practice, de-escalation strategies, transformational social and emotional learning, restorative practices, progressive discipline, and alternatives to exclusion.
7. Uphold the policies, rules, and regulations of the School Committee and Code of Conduct, including the use of preventive and positive disciplinary practices in partnership with students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and administrators.
8. Record data on student conduct as required by the administration and utilize the District approved Student Information System.
9. Supervise students in their charge.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS

A. RIGHTS OF PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are vital partners to the success of the school. As such, parents, guardians, and caregivers have the **right** to be included in all aspects of their student's education. This includes the following:

1. The right to a free public school education for their students in a safe and supportive learning environment.
2. The right to access information about their student's educational records, which includes disciplinary records, as authorized by law.
3. The right to meaningfully participate in their student's education, which includes requesting and receiving school-based communications translated and/or interpreted into the preferred language of the home.
4. The right to file complaints and/or appeals regarding matters affecting their student's education, where applicable.
5. The right to participate in decision-making processes affecting school policies and procedures (e.g., school site council/governing board, parent council, school-based equity roundtable).
6. The right to request certain limitations on Boston Public Schools' creation of Office of Student Safety reports and Boston Police Reports related to student conduct, as outlined in the policy.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS

Parents, guardians, and caregivers have the **responsibility** to:

1. Support and encourage positive behavior of their student in school, at school-sponsored activities, and on the way to and from school.
2. Support the student to attend school and exercise appropriate self agency.
3. Affirm the student's positive attitudes toward himself/herself/themselves, others, school, and the community.
4. Communicate with school personnel about their student.
5. Recognize that the school staff has the right to enforce the policies, rules, and regulations of the

Boston School Committee.

6. Engage in a positive, non-disruptive manner when visiting school(s).
7. Reinforce that their student brings to school only things that are appropriate in a school setting.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL SUPPORT AGENCIES

The community has the responsibility to:

1. Help shape identified goals.
2. Be informed about school goals, BPS' Strategic Plan, and policies.
3. Support an effective, safe, and welcoming supportive school system.

Agencies working on behalf of Boston Public Schools to provide support to students and/or their families have the responsibility to, with informed parents/guardian/caregiver consent:

1. Address the educational and related needs of those student(s).
2. Collaborate with school(s) to deliver effective, safe, and supportive services.
3. Promptly report any behavior that is concerning to the relevant BPS staff member(s), which may include the student's teacher, classroom staff, and/or school leader.

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Agencies charged by the Boston Public Schools with providing support to students and their families have the responsibility to, with informed parents/guardian/caregiver consent:

1. Address the needs of their clients that interfere with the learning process.
2. Collaborate with schools to deliver effective, safe, and supportive support services.

The Code of Conduct

Section 1

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION RIGHTS

- 1.1 All written and oral notices required by this Code shall be in English *and* in the primary language spoken in the home, or other means of communication (i.e. texts or emails) used by the parents/guardians/caregivers. These means of communication may include assistive technology, American Sign Language, or other accommodations.
- 1.2 All notices shall be made in simple and commonly understood words to the greatest extent possible.
- 1.3 Students shall not interpret for parents/guardians/caregivers or BPS staff.
- 1.4 Students and parents/guardians/caregivers have a right to an interpreter in their primary language at all hearings and conferences held under this Code.
- 1.5 Meetings must be held, and translated documents must be provided, to caregivers and students who speak a language other than English within the same timeframe that they are held or provided to families who speak English.

Section 2: BUILDING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND EQUITABLE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

The school community includes students, teachers, administrators, counselors, social workers, school staff, families, and members of the surrounding neighborhood. In order to create safe, healthy, equitable, and supportive environments within the school setting, schools must provide support at three levels of care and instruction. These three levels are:

Promotion. Schools foster the emotional well-being of *all* students through school-wide approaches to support positive behavioral health.

Prevention. Schools provide early, targeted, and collaborative supports, to minimize the escalation of identified behavioral health symptoms.

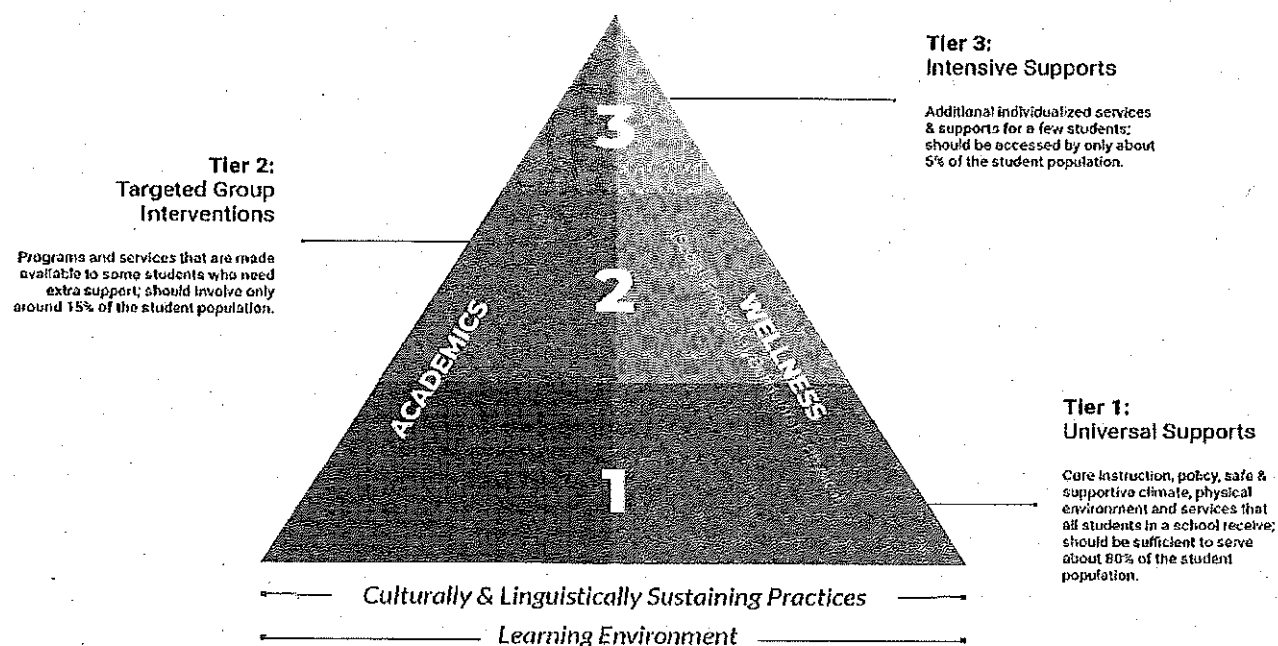
Intervention. Schools provide and participate in coordinated care for the small number of students demonstrating considerable need.

These three levels should not be treated as silos; activities to address each level must take place throughout the whole school, including in classrooms, in small groups, and with individual students and families. Services may be school based or community based, offered in the classroom or outside of the classroom, and should embody culturally and linguistically-sustaining practices.

There are a variety of approaches to promote safe and supportive schools. Any supports that are adopted should build upon students' strengths, promote success in school, maximize time spent in the classroom, and minimize suspensions, expulsions, and other disciplinary removals. Schools may choose to adopt proven school-wide positive and preventive approaches that best fit the needs of their unique school community along with the use of the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

With the District's focus on equitable outcome for all students we utilize MTSS, which is an approved evidence-based framework that addresses students' overall wellness, including their academic and social-emotional/behavioral health needs. MTSS uses data-based problem-solving to integrate/deliver instruction and interventions to students in varying intensities, which are categorized across three-tiers, based on student need. At each tier of support, school teams use a data-based decision making process to make collaborative decisions about core targeted and intensive supports for students. Need-driven decision-making seeks to ensure that students get the support they need and when they need it, so that all students can be successful in school.

The diagram below is a visual depiction of how MTSS tiers address students' wellness (social-emotional, behavioral, and physical) and academic needs across the learning environment, to support students collectively and individually.



What does each Tier mean?	Tier 1 (Universal)	Tier 2 (Targeted Support)	Tier 3 (Intensive Support)
Who is	ALL STUDENTS	SMALL GROUPS of	INDIVIDUAL or SMALL

² Note (Adapted) from, *About Student Support Services: Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)*, AMERICAN ACADEMY (2017)

<i>served?</i>		STUDENTS	GROUPS of STUDENTS <i>Please note: this does not mean a special education referral is needed</i>
<i>What does it look like?</i>	<p><i>Universal, inclusive culturally and linguistically sustaining instruction and support.</i></p> <p>Includes core curricula that are aligned with content frameworks, along with supplemental supports aimed toward differentiating instruction for all learners in the classroom.</p> <p>Building relationships that create safe and welcoming classrooms where all students can be successful and thrive.</p>	<p>In addition to the <i>universal, inclusive, culturally and linguistically sustaining</i> instruction and supports of Tier 1, some students will require more support to practice and develop skills.</p> <p>These intensive interventions, programs, and services that are provided over a limited period of time to individuals or small groups of students, either in or out of the classroom.</p>	<p>In addition to the universal <i>inclusive, culturally and linguistically sustaining</i> instruction and supports of Tiers 1 and 2, Tier 3 provides intensive, targeted, solution-focused supports for individual students.</p>
<i>What is the goal?</i>	<p>To promote success and ensure that all students achieve their academic goals, their social, emotional and physical development, that support their overall academic, behavioral, and health outcomes.</p>	<p>To intervene and address more acute student needs when necessary.</p> <p>To provide targeted, solution-focused instruction to address their identified area(s) of need before they impact the student's progress.</p> <p>To improve student performance toward expected levels of proficiency.</p>	<p>To deploy intensive instruction and learning supports over longer periods of time to support students whose significant needs prevent them from meeting their learning goals.</p> <p>To improve student outcomes and school engagement by identifying and developing students social and emotional skills.</p>
<i>Examples</i>	Social and emotional skill building, restorative	Restorative and trauma-informed practices, verbal de-escalation	Counseling, crisis support, community referrals,

	practices, bullying and/or cyberbullying prevention related training, health education, conflict resolution interventions, Attendance Intervention Plans, healthy relationships curriculum	(Safety Cares), mentoring, Attendance Intervention Plan, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS), social and emotional skill building, voluntary Succeed Boston workshops, lunch groups	restorative and trauma informed practices, voluntary referrals to <u>Succeed Boston</u> , individualized academic support plans, conflict resolution, Functional Behavior Assessment, Behavioral Intervention Plan, Fire Sense Program
	related training, health education, conflict resolution interventions, Attendance Intervention Plans, healthy relationships curriculum	Attendance Intervention Plan, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS), social and emotional skill building, voluntary Succeed Boston workshops, lunch groups	

Section 3: APPLICABILITY OF THE CODE

- The Code governs student conduct in any school-related setting. For the purpose of the Code, “school-related” refers to a violation of the Code occurring:
 - While the student is on school grounds;
 - During remote and/or online based learning;
 - During a school-sponsored activity and/or program;
 - While on school-provided transportation en route to or from a school or a school-sponsored activity;
 - While walking to or from school, waiting for school-provided transportation, or waiting for or riding on public transportation to and from school;
 - While traveling between buildings for schools with multiple buildings and/or open campuses;
 - Consistent with current legal standards, certain internet usage and/or social media outside of school that caused, or is likely to cause, a substantial disruption or material interference with school activities and/or school related parties (e.g., students, staff, administrators.);
 - A school-related disciplinary offense may also include circumstances in which evidence exists that serious misconduct occurred outside the school—for example, a student being charged with or convicted of the commission of a felony or felony delinquency complaint--that has a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school.
- a) School-Based Rules
 - Individual school rules and policies must be approved by their School Site Councils and/or Governing Boards.
 - School-based rules may not conflict with any BPS Superintendent Circular or the BPS

Section 4: ALTERNATIVE STUDENT INTERVENTIONS

This section describes alternative, student-targeted interventions that a Principal/School Leader may consider to support acute student needs.

- *Temporary Removal from Class and Student Planning Centers*
 - After positive and responsible approaches have been tried, documented, but are unsuccessful within the classroom, a student who is struggling may be referred to a Student Planning Center. The student remains in the planning center only long enough to be assisted in assessing their immediate needs and to make a plan for the student to successfully re-enter and remain in class.
 - The planning center provides the opportunity for the student to maintain classroom assignments, address the student's re-entry plan, and provides an opportunity for the Planning Center to collaborate with the classroom teacher to support the student's successful return to class.
 - Removal to a Student Planning Center shall constitute an in-school suspension, requiring schools to follow suspension procedures, if a student is removed for 90 minutes or two class periods, whichever is shorter.
- *Behavior Management Systems*
 - Staff and students may collaboratively design behavior management systems for classes, cohorts, programs, buses, and/or schools, based on progressive levels of privileges and restrictions.
 - Examples of behavior management systems include: agreed-upon behavior contracts, functional behavioral assessments with positive reinforcement or incentives, or assigned seating.
- *Referral from Academic Employee Conference³*
 - If a member of the educational staff sees or becomes aware of any behavior that is concerning, they are encouraged to promptly talk to the student, call/text/email the student's parent/guardian/caregiver, and/or consult with their school leader as necessary and appropriate. If it would be helpful, the employee may suggest meeting with the parent/guardian/caregiver and student together.
- *Building Administrator Informal Conference*
 - The School Leader or their designee may call a meeting with the student or students involved to discuss any behavior that is concerning and identify supports as applicable. The school leader or designee may call a meeting with the student and their and/or parent/guardian/caregiver to discuss any behavior that is concerning and identify supports as applicable.
 - This meeting shall not involve more than one student.
- *Contracting*
 - School staff may create agreements with students to discuss alternatives to concerning behaviors, solidify behavior expectations, and describe consequences. These contracts are voluntary and are written to support students' behavior while in school, going to and from school, on school-provided transportation, and at school-sponsored activities, and during and beyond the regular school day. These contracts may involve other staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, or administrators.
- *Adjustment of Class Schedule*

³ *Referral by Non-Educational Staff and Non-BPS Employees* - If an individual working in a BPS school, who is not a BPS employee, (i.e., BPS Partner, contractor, volunteer, etc.) sees any behavior that is concerning, they are encouraged to promptly report their observation(s) to the relevant BPS staff member(s), which may include the student's teacher, classroom staff, and/or school leader.

- Parent/guardian/caregiver must be notified by the end of the school day of any change to their student's schedule. After a phone call, the notification must be made in writing in English, as well as in the home language. This intervention must be documented in the BPS-approved Student Information System.
- Short-term schedule adjustments may occur if there is evidence of an ongoing conflict between students and/or a student and a teacher. A short term schedule adjustment may be made for up to three (3) school days, *after* notice has been provided to the student and their parent/guardian/caregiver, which shall include the reason for the proposed adjustment.
- A long-term schedule adjustment would be for a period longer than 3 days and only after the school and the parent/guardian/caregiver attempt a mediation session.
- Succeed Boston *Voluntary Individual and Group Support Workshops* - an alternative approach that prevents suspension by addressing root causes of discipline disparities through the use of holistic, culturally, and linguistically sustaining practices for students in grades 1-5 and 6-12.
 - All students attending voluntary workshop(s) at Succeed Boston @ the Counseling and Intervention Center shall have the opportunity to make academic progress in their school setting. While they are attending the workshops, students must be provided the opportunity to make up assignments and earn credits missed including, but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, papers, and projects missed.
 - The Substance Use Program (SUP) is a voluntary program for students whose use of drugs or alcohol is of concern. The program provides education and counseling about the effects of drugs, alcohol, and vaping and provides students with alternative ways to deal with stress. Referral for outside services will be provided as needed.
 - Please contact Succeed Boston for clarification about voluntary support options.

a) DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - ALTERNATIVES TO SUSPENSION

Consistent with progressive measures of discipline, this section describes possible alternatives to suspension that a School Leader may consider rather than pursuing a suspension in accordance with Section 7 of the Code. These alternatives are intended to be a non-exhaustive list of options to maximize time spent in the classroom and minimize exclusions for students.

- *Detention (before or after-school)*
 - Schools should use detention as an opportunity to provide educational support to students.
 - A phone call, email, and/or written notice to the student and their parent/guardian/caregiver, in the preferred language of the home, must be provided to inform them of this decision within a reasonable amount of time.
 - *Timing of Detention*
 - *After School* - A student may serve detention for not more than one hour after school on each day of their detention, which may last up to three (3) school days.
 - *Before School* - A student may be required to arrive early for a definite number of days, provided the total detention time does not exceed three (3) hours per offense.
 - If the parent/guardian/caregiver cannot be reached by telephone, the student may serve their

detention the following school day if the Principal/School Leader has sent a written notice home with the student.

- Provision must be made for students who receive “yellow bus” transportation. Notice is to be provided within a reasonable time prior to the detention.
- Before/after school detentions are not always appropriate, (e.g., if the student has to work or care for family after school). Principals/School Leaders are encouraged to consider other alternatives to discipline options. Students will be allowed to complete classwork and/or homework assignments during their detention.

- *Loss of Additional Privileges such as After-School Activities, Field Trips, Open Campus Lunch, Assemblies, Prom, Graduation, and Ceremonies*

- At the beginning of each school year, the Principal/School Leader will inform all parents/guardians/caregivers of the individual school’s privileges, e.g., assemblies, use of school store, off-campus lunches, approved-tardy passes, student dress code, etc., and how they relate to the general expectations of students.
- As an alternative to suspension, a student who fails to meet these identified student expectations and/or who leave the school building, school-sponsored activities, including field trips or school campus without permission, may be subject to a loss of privileges.
- To deny a student school privileges, the school must send written notice of the loss of privilege(s) to the student and parent/guardian/caregivers, in the preferred language of the home.
- A student’s attendance on a field trip may not be conditioned on their parent/guardian/caregiver’s chaperoning the field trip.
- The school shall not permanently deny the student the right to participate in a continuing school activity. *A student may be denied school privileges for no longer than one week at a time, or a total of three (3) weeks in a marking period, unless a hearing is held as defined in Section 9.5.*
- A parent may request a conference with the school leader to reconsider the denial of the privilege.

- *Denial of School-Provided Transportation* (See Superintendent’s Circular #TRN 2)

- Students whose actions endanger or will continue to endanger others or themselves on school-provided transportation, including the MBTA or school buses, may be denied transportation to and/or from school on a temporary basis. Removing a student from a bus will be used as a last resort to keep students safe. Students may be denied transportation only to allow BPS, the student, and the student’s parent, guardian, or caregiver to develop a Bus Safety Plan that may include, but is not limited to, a seating plan.
- If a parent, guardian, or caregiver is unable to provide transportation, then this removal will be counted as an out-of-school suspension and suspension procedures must be followed.
- Students with a disability may have additional protections related to transportation. (See Superintendent’s Circular #SPE-15)

- *Restitution*

- As part of our restorative practices, following a conference with the student and parent/guardian/caregiver, the school will provide written notice if the student is responsible for repairing, restoring, or replacing the damaged property of a staff member, another student, or BPS property (as approved by the appropriate BPS Department, e.g., Facilities or OIIT).
- BPS may not require a student or family to pay money in order to repair, restore, or replace property.

- *Voluntary Fire Sense Partnership Program* for students in grades 2-5. Provides education and counseling to help students understand the impact and consequences of fire setting and prevent future issues related to fire. See FSE#2 for more information. The two hour workshop will be conducted online with Succeed Boston clinicians, and a Boston Fire Marshall. Referrals may be made here.

Section 5 TEMPORARY REMOVAL FROM CLASS

Whenever possible, safe, supportive, and non-exclusionary strategies should be attempted prior to removal from class.

- 5.2 No student shall be excluded from class for more than ninety minutes or two class periods, whichever is shorter, without the time out of the class being classified as an in-school suspension and triggering due process protections (please refer to Superintendent's Circular # SUP-5) for guidance on best-practices for supporting students during a temporary removal from class). This applies to Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. A student shall return to class as soon as they are able to do so.
- 5.3 Whenever a student has been removed from a class, the Building Administrator or Designee shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) to explain why the student has been removed from that class.
 - The parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s), school staff, and the student shall meet with the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) if the student has been removed from the same class more than two (2) times per week or four (4) times per marking period to develop a plan of how to better support the student in their current class or consider, along with their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s), a long-term schedule change for the student.
 - No student may be removed from the same class more than two (2) times per week or four (4) times per marking period unless due process procedures are followed.

Section 6 EXPECTATIONS FOR SUSPENSION

- 6.1 Expectations regarding the suspension of students in grades K0 through grade 5
 - 6.1.1 The suspension of students in grades K0 - 2 is prohibited
 - 6.1.2 Students in grades 3-5 may be suspended only when:
 - The District has followed all legally required due process procedures, AND
 - *Appropriate notice and/or approval⁴ has been given:*
 - *Grades 3-5: The Operational Leader approves the Principal/Head of School moving forward for possible exclusion from school AND*

⁴ The notification must include a description of the alleged conduct and the reason for a suspension. The Operational Leader shall review the circumstances leading to the request for the disciplinary hearing and, if appropriate, grant approval for the School Leader (or their designee) to move forward with the disciplinary hearing.

- *For Grade 3 only: the Superintendent has been notified in writing of an out-of-school suspension, including a description of the misconduct and the reason for suspending the student out-of-school.*
- Suspension may only be imposed on 3rd-5th graders for the following reasons:
 - Student has assaulted a classmate or member of the educational staff, and the principal/school leader has specific, articulable facts whereby the principal/school leader concludes the student would cause serious physical harm to a classmate or member of educational staff if the student remained in school;
 - Student possessed a dangerous weapon or controlled substance;
 - Sexual misconduct;
 - Biased-based conduct or speech; or
 - Repeated bullying.

6.2 Expectations regarding the suspension of ALL students in grades 3 through grade 12

6.2.1. Prior to taking disciplinary action for offenses described in Section 7, the School will review and follow Section 3 of the Code of Conduct and document interventions and prevention strategies used with students in the approved BPS Student Information System in use at the time. This practice is mandatory prior to the imposition of all exclusions.

Exception: These requirements may not apply in cases related to certain serious offenses and with the approval of the assigned Operational Leader. These requirements may not apply when the student is facing suspension pursuant to MGL c. 71 § 37H and § 37H ½. A student is facing suspension under those law(s) if the student is alleged to have possessed a dangerous weapon (see 7.1.1), possessed a controlled substance (see 7.1.2), assaulted educational staff (see 7.1.3), or suffered a felony conviction (7.1.4).

6.2.2 When a student is removed from any class beyond ninety minutes or two class periods, whichever is shorter, the removal will constitute a suspension and require suspension procedures to be initiated as the result of misconduct as a consequence for a Section 7 Code violation. This applies to removals that may occur in BPS-sponsored Career and Technical Education (CTE programs).

6.2.3 Removal solely from participation in extracurricular activities or school-sponsored events, or both, shall not count as suspension days.

- *Exception:* A student may not be excluded from a field trip that is required for teaching, learning, and/or will result in a graded assignment.

6.2.4 No school is required to suspend a student.

6.2.5 No student shall be suspended twice for the same incident (e.g., 2 days in house suspension and 1 days out of school suspension for the same incident).

6.2.6 No student shall be the subject of more than one disciplinary hearing for the same incident.

6.2.7 For all students suspended from school (suspension) or excluded from school (expulsion), the Building Administrator or Designee shall ensure the student has the opportunity to make academic progress during the period of suspension or exclusion, make up assignments, and earn credits missed work including, but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, papers and projects.

6.2.8 Students who have been suspended from school may not attend school or any school sponsored activities, including but not limited to school sporting practices, events, games, or any extracurricular activities during the suspension period. Any attempt to return to school or a school-sponsored event/activity prior to the end of the imposed suspension period may be considered trespassing on school property.

- Exception: This prohibition on participation in all school sponsored activities does not apply to students who have voluntarily sought services from Succeed Boston.

Section 7 GROUNDS FOR SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION, LONG-TERM SUSPENSION, INDEFINITE SUSPENSION, OR EXPULSION

This section describes the school-related violations for which a student may be subject to discipline in accordance with other sections of the Code. For any short-term suspension, long-term suspension, indefinite suspension, or expulsion covered in this section, a student is entitled to a disciplinary hearing, which must be held within 10 school days from the day the incident was reported.

- Following the disciplinary hearing, pursuant to Supt. #5, for a long-term suspension, indefinite suspension, or expulsion, the school leader must submit their recommended removal to their Operational Leader. The student may only be removed if the Operational Leader reviews the recommended disposition, approves and signs the required notification, and a copy of that signed notification has been provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) in English and in the primary language spoken in the home.

Serious offenses that *MAY* result in expulsion from school for up to one calendar year (Section 7.1 *ONLY*).

7.1 *General Provisions for School Related Discipline*

- 7.1.1 Possession of a dangerous weapon, including, but not limited to, a firearm, a knife, or electrical weapon (e.g., a Taser). Please refer to Section 14.13 for a definition of a "dangerous weapon".
- 7.1.2 Possession of a controlled substance including, but not limited to, marijuana (including edibles and THC oils), cocaine, and heroin. Please see Section 14.11 for a definition of "controlled substance".
- 7.1.3 Assault on educational staff.
- 7.1.4 Felony Conviction – if the Building Administrator determines the student's continued

presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school.

A student *MAY* be subject to indefinite suspension for the following offense:

7.2 *Felony or Felony Delinquency Complaint / Charges*

7.2.1 Felony Complaint (or felony delinquency for a student **under 18**) is issued against a student and the School Leader finds that the student's continued presence would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school (see Section 14.22 for a definition of "felony complaint").

The following offenses *MAY* result in short-term or long-term suspension consistent with progressive measures (Sections 7.3 - 7.11):

7.3 *Assault & Battery / Bodily Harm / Threats*

7.3.1 Assault on school staff (see Section 14.3).

7.3.2 Sexual Misconduct (see Section 14.38).

7.3.3 Assault on any person (see Section 14.3).

7.3.4 Assault and battery on any person causing physical injury, except when the student's actions are reasonably believed necessary to protect himself or herself as determined by the School Leader (or designee) on the evidence presented.

7.3.5 Endangering the physical safety or mental/emotional health of another by the use of force or threats of force communicated by any means including written, spoken, physical gesture, or through the use of technology or any electronic means. This offense includes threats of force made by an overt act, expressed by any means, which reasonably places the victim in fear of imminent bodily injury, hazing (see Section 14.28), graffiti, and other threats communicated by any means: written, spoken, or through the use of technology or any electronic means.

7.3.6 Endangering the safety of others by setting or attempting to set a fire.

7.3.7 Encouraging a physical fight by staging and/or instigating the fight, or by posting and/or disseminating a video or photo of the physical fight, if said encouragement has a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school.

Exception: Sharing a video or photo of a physical fight with a school official shall not constitute a violation of this section of the Code.

7.4 *Possession of Firearms, Dangerous Weapons and Objects of No Reasonable Use*

The following offenses may result in short-term or long-term suspension consistent with progressive

measures:

- 7.4.1 Possession of any firearm (see Section 14.23) may result in suspension of not more than 90 school days within an academic school year, to be determined by the Building Administrator.
- 7.4.2 Possession of a dangerous weapon (see Section 14.13) , or object of no reasonable use (see Section 16.32), which is used in a threatening manner in school and/or at a school-sponsored activity.
- 7.4.3 Possession of any knife or dangerous weapon prohibited by law, other than a firearm (see Section 14.13), or object of no reasonable use (see Section 14.34).
- 7.4.4 Use of any object in a dangerous or threatening manner (see Section 14.34)].
- 7.4.5 Possession of an object of no reasonable use (see Section 14.34).

7.5 *Bullying and Cyber-Bullying*

- 7.5.1 Bullying/Cyber-Bullying (see section 14.8, Superintendent's Circular SSS-18)

7.6 *Bias-Based Conduct and Sexual Misconduct*

The following offenses must be reported to the Office of Equity (Please refer to Superintendent Circulars EQT-1 through EQT-6):

- 7.6.1 Bias-Based Conduct (see Superintendent's Circular EQT-2).
- 7.6.2 Committing acts of sexual misconduct (see Section 14.38).
- 7.6.3 Committing acts of harassment related to actual or perceived membership in a protected class (race, color, age, disability, sex/gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, ancestry, retaliation, sexual orientation, genetics, military status, or homelessness).
- 7.6.4 Using racial, ethnic, and/or homophobic slurs in a persistent and/or abusive manner.

7.7 Possession and Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and other Prohibited Substances

- 7.7.1 Distribution or possession of any prescribed or non-prescribed controlled substance, including but not limited to opioids, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana alcoholic beverages, or intoxicants of any kind. The violation is considered to impede upon the general welfare and safety of the other students and staff at the school.
- 7.7.2 Use of tobacco products, including but not limited to e-cigarettes, drug paraphernalia, and vaping products on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or while on school-provided transportation is prohibited. MGL C. 270, § 29(a) (see Superintendent's Circular HWD-06).
- 7.7.3 Distribution or use of vaping products is prohibited MGL C. 270 § 29(b); MGL C. 270, § 6.

7.8 *Theft and Vandalism*

7.8.1 Attempting by force or threat of force to steal private property.

7.8.2 Damaging or stealing school or private property, including tampering with school records.

7.9 *Unacceptable Use of Networks, Including Internet Platforms and Electronic Mail (Email)*

Exception: The following violations of the Boston Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy may result in loss of Internet privileges, email privileges, and/or discipline.

7.9.1 Use of the network for any illegal or commercial activity.

7.9.2 Sending information and/or the use of language that is offensive in a school setting, if such sending information/use of language causes or is likely to cause a substantial disruption or materially interfere with the operation of the school.

7.9.3 Academic Misconduct

7.9.4 Revealing personal information about another individual, such as an address, telephone number, credit card numbers, social security number, etc.

7.9.5 Tampering with any BPS electronic system.

7.9.6 Altering, deleting, or destroying files or data belonging to another user.

7.9.7 Sharing or sending sexually explicit messages or photos using BPS equipment or while on a BPS server. This may be considered dissemination of underage or minor pornography in violation of M.G.L. C. 272, § 28.

7.10 *Other Disruptions*

7.10.1 Presence in a part of the school building or grounds that are considered off-limits to students.

7.10.2 Leaving the school building, school-sponsored activities, including field trips or school campus without permission.

Exception: This violation may result in a loss of privileges (i.e., attendance at extracurricular events, etc.) (See Section 3(a)) and/or discipline.

7.10.3 Allowing any person unauthorized entry or re-entry into a school building, which includes propping doors open, with the intent to avoid school safety protocols.

7.10.4 Preventing or attempting to prevent, by physical act, the safe functioning of any part of any school, e.g., blocking the entrance or exit of any school building, corridor, or room preventing access of others.

7.10.5 Intentionally causing a substantial disruption or materially interfering with the operation of the school or the teaching of other students. This includes repeated, unauthorized use of cellular phones consistent with Superintendent's Circular SUP- 9.

7.10.6 Making a bomb threat.

7.10.7 Pulling/Reporting a false fire alarm.

Section 8 EMERGENCY REMOVAL (Offenses under MGL c. 71 § 37H and § 37H ¼.)

In rare circumstances, the Principal/Head of School may emergently remove a student **only if the following four requirements are met:**

1. Student is charged with a disciplinary offense; **AND**
2. The student's continued presence in the school poses a danger to persons or property, or materially and substantially disrupts the order of the school **AND**
3. In the Principal/Head of School's judgment, there is no alternative available to alleviate the danger or disruption; **AND**
4. The school makes adequate provisions for the student's safety and transportation.

The emergency removal may not exceed one (1) school day following the day of the emergency removal. Parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) must be offered an opportunity for a hearing during this time. The Disciplinary Hearing should take place the next day following the removal, unless the parents/guardians/caregivers request a postponement of one day. The situation that led to an emergency removal must be present in order for the emergency removal to continue into the 2nd day. (See Superintendent's Circular SUP-5) for procedures and required notifications for emergency removals.

The BPS' Universal Emergency Removal Sign-Out system in the BPS Student Information System must be used.

Section 9 APPEALS TO SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SUSPENSION

- Any student who has been short or long term suspended from school pursuant to sections 7.3 - 7.10.7 of this Code shall have the right to appeal to the Superintendent or his/her designee within ten (10) days from the date of suspension. Parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) may request one extension of the appeal hearing of up to seven (7) calendar days.
 - Within ten (10) school days of the imposition of a suspension, a student or their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) may lodge a request for an appeal with the Superintendent's Hearing Officer.
 - Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s) may request one extension of the appeal hearing of up to seven (7) calendar days.

Section 10 APPEALS TO INDEFINITE SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- Any student who has been indefinitely suspended or expelled from school pursuant to sections 7.1 - 7.2 of this Code shall have the right to appeal to the Superintendent (see MGL c. 71 §37H or §37H¼).
 - Within ten (10) school days of the imposition of a suspension, a student or their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) may lodge a request for an appeal with the Superintendent.

- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s)/may request one extension of the appeal hearing of up to seven (7) calendar days.

Section 11 EXPUNGING AND DISCLOSING RECORDS

- If upon review, the Principal/Head of School, in consultation with the Operational Leader and/or the Appeals Officer determines that a student did not commit a violation that s/he was accused of, then all references to the incident and the disciplinary proceedings will be expunged immediately from the student's record. The hearing officer shall inform parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) and students in writing that these records will be expunged. A suspension or appeal overturned for procedural errors shall result in the days of suspension/expulsion being expunged from the student record, but the Hearing Officer will determine the extent to which additional references to the incident will be removed from the student record. The hearing officer shall inform parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) and students in writing these records will be expunged.
- School employees shall not disclose to institutions of post-secondary education any portions of a student's record that include information about in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, dismissals, expulsions, or any other disciplinary violation or misconduct. No school employee, including college or guidance counselors, shall release to or discuss with any institution of post-secondary education any information pertaining to a student's disciplinary history unless required by law (see Superintendent's Circular LGL-07).

Section 12 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Students with disabilities have additional due process rights to those rights outlined in this Code.
 - A student with a disability refers to any student:
 - who has an IEP,
 - who has a 504 plan,
 - who is currently being evaluated for special education services,
 - whose parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) has/have requested a special education evaluation,
 - whose parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) has/have expressed concern in writing to supervisory or administrative personnel that the student is in need of special education and related services, and/or
 - about whom school or district staff have expressed specific concerns regarding a pattern of behavior directly to supervisory personnel.
- Prior to proceeding with a disciplinary hearing for a student with a disability, the Principal/Head of School or their designee shall determine if the student with a disability is entitled to a Team meeting called a Manifestation Determination Review ("MDR") (see Superintendent's Circular SPE-15 for criteria and procedures for holding MDR meetings).
 - If the student is entitled to an MDR, the student's Special Education Team must convene to answer two questions. First, was the conduct in question caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the student's disability? Second, was the conduct the result of the district's failure to implement the student's IEP?

- A student with a disability may not be suspended or expelled if the student's Team determines that the answer to either of those two questions is yes.

- **Exception:** In certain, serious circumstances, regardless of the decision of the student's Team, the student may be placed at an Interim Alternative Education Setting for a period of up to 45 calendar days (see Superintendent's Circular **SPE-15**)

- A free appropriate public education ("FAPE") must be provided to students with disabilities during any period of suspension that lasts more than ten (10) school days either consecutively or cumulatively.

Section 13

PROMULGATION AND DISTRIBUTION

This Code is the sole document of rules and regulations of Boston Public Schools governing the conduct of all Boston Public Schools students. This Code supersedes all school-based rules and all prior editions of the Boston Public Schools Code of Conduct. This Code shall be effective upon approval by the Boston School Committee.

Section 14

DEFINITIONS

As used in this Code, the following words shall have the meanings set forth below:

- 14.1 **504 PLAN:** refers to an Accommodation Plan developed for a student who has been determined to have a disability as defined under Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. The purpose of a 504 Plan is to ensure that no individual with a qualified disability which substantially limits one or more major life activities is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or denied the same level of access to any instruction, school based activity, or school building as students without disabilities.
- 14.2 **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:** the use or attempted use of dishonest or unfair method(s) or practice(s) used to gain advantage in academic(s) by means including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, copyright infringement, or unauthorized use of problem solving websites/applications.
- 14.3 **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR NETWORKS, INCLUDING THE INTERNET:** a BPS policy to insure that BPS students and staff use school-owned technology to access the network in a responsible, legal, and ethical manner.
- 14.4 **ASSAULT:** an attempt or threat to physically harm another person with the present ability to do so and the victim has reasonable fear or apprehension of immediate bodily harm. Assault is committed without physical contact. *A completed assault is typically referred to as a battery.*
- 14.5 **BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT INTERVENTION PLAN (BSIP):** a plan developed by a Special Education Team based on information obtained from the Functional

Behavioral Assessment and employed to identify and address the causes of student's behavior.

- 14.6 **BIAS-BASED CONDUCT:** any action taken or derisive statement made based on actual or perceived differentiating characteristics, including a person's race, color, national origin, ancestry, physical appearance, academic status, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, age, genetics, active military status, pregnancy or parenting status, physical, developmental or sensory disability, economic status, homelessness, or by association with a person who has or is perceived to have one or more of these characteristics.
- 14.7 **BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS Succeed Boston @ the Counseling and Intervention Center** (previously named the Barron Assessment & Counseling Center): a program that provides counseling services, decision-making, and social-emotional skill building to students who have committed applicable violations of the Code of Conduct.
- 14.8 **BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR:** the person primarily responsible for carrying out the administration of school policy in the school building: the Principal, Head of School, or Program Director.
- 14.9 **BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING:** a pattern, which may be a single serious incident, of use by one or more students or by a member of a school staff uses written, verbal or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture or any combination thereof that is directed at a victim and:
- (i) causes physical or emotional harm to the victim or damage to the victim's property;
 - (ii) places the victim in reasonable fear of harm to themselves or of damage to their property;
 - (iii) creates a hostile environment at school for the victim (ex. such as if conduct creates a real or perceived power imbalance between students and/or staff);
 - (iv) infringes on the rights of the victim at school; or
 - (v) materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school.
- Bullying shall include **cyber-bullying**, which refers to bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including but not limited to, electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or social media communications. Cyber-bullying shall also include:
- (i) the creation of a web page or blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person; or
 - (ii) the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages; or
 - (iii) distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons; AND
 - (iv) the distribution or posting creates any of the conditions listed in items (i) to (v) in the definition of bullying.

Retaliation against a person who reports bullying, provides information during an investigation of bullying, witnesses an incident of bullying, or has reliable information about bullying is prohibited under section 7.6.3 of this Code. (See Superintendent Circular #SSS-18.)

- 14.10 **CAREGIVER:** individual who has completed the notarized “Caregiver Authorization Affidavit” and has been granted medical and education decision-making rights for a limited period of time by the student’s parent(s)/legal guardian(s).
- 14.11 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE:** any drug or substance listed in M.G.L. c. 94C.
- 14.12 **DANGEROUS OBJECT:** any item, object, or device used in a dangerous or threatening manner, such as pencils, rulers, hair picks, etc.
- 14.13 **DANGEROUS WEAPON:** means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for or is readily capable of causing death or serious bodily injury. The term dangerous weapon shall include, but is not limited to:
- Firearm, loaded or unloaded;
 - BB gun or air rifle;
 - Stiletto, dagger, or a device or case which enables a knife with a locking blade to be drawn at a locked position;
 - Ballistic knife, or any knife with a detachable blade capable of being propelled by any mechanism;
 - Dirk knife, any knife having a double-edged blade, or a switch knife;
 - Knife having an automatic spring release device by which the blade is released from the handle;
 - Slingshot, blowgun, blackjack, metallic knuckles or knuckles of any substance which could be put to the same use with the same or similar effect as metallic knuckles;
 - Nunchaku, zoo bow (also known as klackers) or Kung Fu sticks, or any similar weapon consisting of two sticks of wood, plastic, or metal connected at one end by a length of rope, chain, wire or leather;
 - Shuriken, or any similar pointed star-like object intended to injure a person when thrown;
 - Any armband made with leather which has metallic spikes, points, or studs, or any similar device made from any other substance, or a cestus or similar material weighted with metal or other substance and worn on the hand;
 - A manrikigusari or similar length of the chain having weighted ends;
 - Chemical spray, *i.e.*, OC (Oleoresin Capsicum {active ingredient in **pepper spray**} Spray);
 - Electric weapon of any kind (*i.e.* stun gun or taser)

The term dangerous weapon shall not include a pocket knife with a blade less than 2 ½ inches. The assessment of whether an object is a dangerous weapon as defined here is a determination that is at the discretion of the Principal/School Leader, in consultation with their Operational Leader, in light of the facts and circumstances.

- 14.14 **DAY, BUSINESS:** any day when Boston School Department administrative offices are open, *i.e.*, Monday through Friday, excluding federal, state, and county holidays.
- 14.15 **DAY, CALENDAR:** any day.
- 14.16 **DAY, SCHOOL:** any day on which school is in session and students are required to be present. Unless otherwise specified, references to “day” or “days” in this Code shall mean “school day” or “school days.”
- 14.17 **DESIGNEE:** a person specifically assigned by the Building Administrator or Superintendent to act in his or her place (Assistant Principal/Assistant Head of School, Dean of Students, Community Field Coordinator, School Climate Coordinator, Student Support Team staff, Special Education and Student Services Coordinator, etc.) to fulfill the requirements of this Code.
- 14.18 **DUE PROCESS:** refers to the legal protections that students who are facing certain school removals as a result of disciplinary action are entitled to receive (see Superintendent’s Circular SUP-5 and Superintendent’s Circular SPE-15).
- 14.19 **EDUCATIONAL STAFF:** all BPS staff or staff contracted by BPS who are directly or indirectly tasked with educating students and all BPS staff responsible for ensuring District’s compliance with state school discipline law. Educational staff includes but is not limited to Operational Leaders, instructional and academic superintendents, deans of students, Principals/Heads of School, assistant principals/assistant heads of school, special education directors and coordinators, teachers, behavioral health specialists, and paraprofessionals. Educational Staff shall not include custodial staff or cafeteria staff.
- 14.20 **EMERGENCY REMOVAL:** a temporary removal imposed for a period no longer than the day of the alleged incident and one (1) additional days of school. It may be imposed when the student has allegedly committed a suspendable offense *and* his/her presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or of interference with the instructional process, *and* there is no alternative available to alleviate the danger or interference, *and* it is impossible because of the student’s behavior to provide the student with notice and hearing prior to the emergency removal.
- 14.21 **EXPULSION:** Expulsion means the removal of a student from the school premises, regular classroom activities, and school activities for more than ninety (90) school days, indefinitely or permanently, as permitted under M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H or 37H½ for:
- possession of a dangerous weapon; or
 - possession of a controlled substance; or
 - assault on a member of the educational staff; or

- a felony complaint or felony delinquency complaint or conviction, or adjudication or admission of guilt in a court of law with respect to such felony, if a principal determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school.

14.22 **FELONY COMPLAINT:** a charging document issued by a court charging an individual with a felony criminal offense. In the case of a juvenile, this document is referred to as a delinquency complaint.

14.23 **FIREARM:** any of the following, as defined by the federal Gun-Free Schools Act, 18 U.S. Code § 921:

- any weapon which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive
- the frame or receiver of any weapon described above;
- any firearm muffler or firearm silencer;
- any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas:
- bomb;
- grenade;
- rocket having a propellant charge of more than four (4) ounces;
- missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce mine or similar device;
- any weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellants, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter;
- any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

14.24 **FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE):** Special Education and related services as consistent with the provisions set forth in 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*, its accompanying regulations, and which meet the education standards established by statute or established by regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

14.25 **FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT (FBA) :** an assessment of behavior conducted by members of a Special Education Team, which assists them in developing appropriate behavioral strategies to address the student's behavior in the future. This should take place within ten (10) school days of receipt of parental/guardian/caregiver consent.

14.26 **GENDER IDENTITY:** a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth. Gender-related identity may be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, the consistent and uniform assertion of the

gender-related identity, or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held as part of a person's core identity; provided, however, that gender-related identity shall not be asserted for any improper purpose (see M.G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7).]

- 14.27 **GUARDIAN:** a person is legally responsible for a student and who may make educational decisions on behalf of said student.
- 14.28 **HAZING:** any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person (see M.G.L. c. 269, §17-19, and 603 C.M.R. 33.03).
- 14.29 **HEARSAY:** An oral or written statement made by a person not testifying at a hearing/trial, which is offered at the hearing/trial to prove the truth of the matter(s) asserted in the statement.
- 14.30 **IMITATION GUN:** any device that looks reasonably like a firearm and is intended to put the victim in fear.
- 14.31 **MANIFESTATION DETERMINATION REVIEW (MDR):** a type of IEP Team meeting, held within ten (10) school days of a recommended removal of a student with disabilities that would constitute a change in student's placement, at which the IEP Team must determine if the conduct that serves as the basis for the discipline was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the student's disability or whether the conduct in question was the direct result of a failure to implement the student's IEP.
- 14.32 **MISDEMEANOR:** a crime that is less serious than a felony and is usually punishable by fine, penalty, forfeiture, or confinement in a place other than state prison.
- 14.33 **NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION:** under state and federal laws and regulations, a student who has not been determined to be eligible for special education and related services, and who has engaged in behavior that violates the Code of Conduct. A student with this status may assert any of the protections provided to students with disabilities if the school has reason to believe that the student may be a student with a disability. BPS will be deemed to have knowledge of a student with a disability if, before the behavior that caused the disciplinary action occurred, the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) of the student expressed concern in writing to BPS supervisory or administrative personnel or a teacher of the child, that the child needs a special education evaluation, OR a teacher or other personnel of the district has expressed specific concerns about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the student directly to the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education or to other supervisory personnel. BPS will not be deemed to have knowledge of a student with

a disability if the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) of the student have not allowed a special education evaluation, have refused special education services, or when the student has been evaluated and it was determined that the student was not a student with a disability (see Superintendent's Circular SPE-15).

- 14.34 **OBJECT OF NO REASONABLE USE:** any object that is of no reasonable use to a student in school, including but not limited to any knife not defined as a dangerous weapon, an electrical weapon, drug paraphernalia (e.g., grinders, rolling papers, hookah pipes), a rock, brick, imitation gun, fireworks, or laser pointer. Note that under a City Ordinance, laser pointers are not permitted in school buildings. (see Ord. 1999 c. 2 § 4)
- 14.35 **PARENT:** a student's mother(s) and/or father(s).
- 14.36 **PLANNING CENTER:** after positive and responsible approaches have been tried, documented, and unsuccessful within the classroom, the disruptive student may be referred to a student-planning center. The student remains in the planning center only long enough to be assisted in assessing present behavior and making a plan for more responsible behavior. The planning center provides the opportunity for the student to maintain classroom assignments and provides support for school staff to develop and implement a follow-up plan for the student. Removal to a student-planning center shall constitute an in-school suspension if a student is removed for 90 minutes or two class periods, whichever is shorter. Because removal constitutes an in-school suspension, it requires notice, a hearing, an opportunity to make academic progress, and the use of non-exclusionary alternative conduct.
- 14.37 **SCHOOL-WIDE EDUCATION SERVICE PLAN:** refers to the unique plans developed by the Principal/Head of School for their school community to ensure that students who are expelled or suspended from school for more than 10 consecutive school days, whether in or out of school, have an opportunity to make academic progress. The plan must include, but is not limited to, a system for students to make up assignments and earn credits missed for homework, quizzes, exams, and papers and projects.
- 14.38 **SEXTING:** the act of sharing or sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically, usually via computers, cell phones, or other electronic devices. Sexting may be considered dissemination of student pornography in violation of M.G.L. c. 272, § 28. This also includes the sharing or sending of sexually explicit messages or photos over the Internet and/or on social media platforms outside of the traditional school day and which disrupts the normal functioning of the school day.
- 14.39 **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:** any unwelcome, forced, coerced, or unwanted conduct of a

sexual nature. Sexual misconduct also includes any sexual act against another person who is incapable of giving consent, either because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity or because they are a minor. **Consent** is defined as clear, active agreement and permission to engage in any form of verbal or nonverbal sexual communication or activity with another person. The initiator of sexual contact is responsible for obtaining consent before engaging in any sexual contact. Consent can be withdrawn by either party at any point. Consent must be voluntary and may not be valid if a person is being subjected to an emotional, psychological, physical, reputational, or financial threat, intimidation, or coercion. Consent to engage in one sexual activity, or past agreement to engage in a particular sexual activity, cannot be presumed to constitute consent to engage in a different sexual activity or to engage again in a sexual activity. Consent cannot be validly given by a person who is incapacitated or under the age of sixteen.

Sexual misconduct may include criminal acts, such as indecent assault and battery, rape, abuse, or assault with intent to rape. Any acts that may be criminal will be referred to law enforcement.

Examples of sexual misconduct may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual touching;
- Non-consensual sexual contact that occurs during school or non-school hours, on or off school grounds, including dating violence;
- Recruiting, transporting, obtaining, or providing a student of any gender for the purpose of sex;
- Sexual advances, whether or not they involve touching;
- Requests for sexual favors;
- Offensive public sexual display of affection, including groping, fondling, gestures, or inappropriate touching of one's self or others;
- Consensual groping, fondling, sexual touching, or sex on school property or at any school-sponsored activity;
- Sexual jokes or references;
- Comments regarding a student's body or a student's sexual activity or orientation;
- Offensive name calling or profanity that is sexually suggestive, sexually degrading, or based on sexual stereotypes or sexual orientation;
- Displaying or distributing sexually explicit drawings, pictures, or other materials in any form (such as sexting);
- Trafficking of youth for sexual purposes, such as recruiting, transporting, or otherwise exploiting a minor in exchange for money, shelter, or food;
- Sexual activity between students in a school, or any building where BPS business is conducted; or
- Other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

14.40 SHORT-TERM SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS: any change to a student's schedule that is for three (3) or fewer school days and is done to minimize contact between the student and a teacher or between the student and another student where there is evidence of an ongoing conflict between them. Parents/guardians/caregivers must be notified by the end of the day of any change to the student's schedule that is to take effect by the next school day.

- 14.41 **STUDENT-CENTERED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCES:** upon noticing or becoming aware of any behavioral incidents, educational staff members shall attempt to resolve the problems prior to referral to the Building Administrator or designee. Academic employees are expected to confer privately with the student at the earliest opportunity, and to hold a conference with the parents/guardians/caregivers by telephone or by written correspondence. An academic employee or a student may invite the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) to attend. The conference with the student and the employee shall be at a mutually convenient time, place or manner (*e.g.*, conference call). School administrators must be made aware of such conferences and document any attempts to conference in the BPS approved student information system.

If a member of the educational staff notices that a student is struggling, the first step is for the employee to talk to the student privately at the earliest opportunity and then to call/text/email the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s). If it would be helpful, the employee may suggest meeting with the parent and student together.

- 14.42 **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES:** students who have any concerns related to student voice, due process rights, and/or other students' rights may request a meeting with their Building Administrator or their designee. The conference should be held in a timely manner, at a mutually convenient time and place, and documented in the BPS student information system for every student who participates. At the student's request, or at discretion of the Building Administrator or their designee, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) may be invited to the conference. Building Administrators must be made aware of such conferences and the outcome.
- 14.43 **STUDENT RECORDS:** all information concerning a student maintained in any form by the Boston Public Schools that is organized on the basis of the student's name or in a way that the student can be individually identified (see Superintendent's Circular LGL-7).
- 14.44 **STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY:** a student who, because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay or any intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment or combination thereof, is unable to progress effectively in regular education and requires special education services, including a school age student who requires only a related service or related services if said service or services are required to ensure that student is able to access the general education curriculum and receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). This term includes students not yet identified as special education students, as defined above.
- 14.45 **SUSPENSION:** the removal of a student from the school premises and/or regular classroom

activities that exceeds 90-minutes, cumulatively, or two class periods in one day.

“Suspension” applies to short-term suspension and long-term suspension, in-school and out of-school, unless otherwise stated.

- A single short-term suspension may not exceed three (3) school days for a student age 15 or younger or five (5) school days for a student age 16 or older.
- A long-term suspension is a removal for more than ten (10) consecutive or cumulative school days.

14.46 SUSPENSION, IN-SCHOOL: removal of a student from regular classroom activities, but not from the school premises, for no more than ten (10) consecutive school days, or for more than ten (10) cumulative school days, for multiple infractions during the school year. In-school suspension exceeding ten (10) consecutive or cumulative days shall be considered a long-term suspension for due process, appeal, and reporting purposes.

14.47 SUSPENSION, INDEFINITE: a suspension that may be imposed when:

- a student (18 or older) is charged with a felony complaint (or felony delinquency charge for a student **under 18**);
- if the Principal or Head of School of the school where the student is enrolled determines that the student’s continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school. If a student is suspended under this section, the suspension will remain in effect until the felony case has been adjudicated or resolved, which may extend beyond the current school year. Once the felony complaint serving as the basis of the indefinite suspension is adjudicated, a School Administrator may proceed to an expulsion under Section 7.1 of this Code, if appropriate (see M.G.L. c 71, § 37H ½).

14.48 TEAM: in reference to Special Education, a group of individuals responsible for creating and implementing a student’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP) at the school level. Team membership can and should vary depending upon the educational needs of individual students. Participants usually include:

- the classroom teacher(s)
- the school administrator or designee (COSE)
- parents/guardians/caregivers or legal guardians and, if appropriate, the student
- other school-based and district support staff if they have been involved in assessing the student’s strengths and needs, or are going to be involved in the delivery of the IEP.

14.49 TEMPORARY REMOVAL FROM CLASS: no student shall be held out of class for more than ninety minutes or two class periods, whichever is shorter, without the time out of class being classified as an in-school suspension and triggering the due process protections outlined in Section 5 of the Code (see Superintendent’s Circular SUP-5).

14.50 VAPING: the use of e-cigarettes or other devices that allow individuals to inhale nicotine or

other drugs such as THC, CBD, or K2, as a vapor rather than inhaling nicotine or the other drugs by sucking on the end of a lit cigarette, pipe, or other smoking device. (MGL Chapter 270 Section 29).

14.51 **WEAPON**: see 16.13, "Dangerous Weapon," and 16.22, "Firearm."

Insert page of ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:(with links)

COC Attachments

MTSS

Student Support

Guide to BPS

Suffolk County Resource Guide to Services

If someone is requesting a hard copy of this document, then please provide them with the following Superintendent's Circulars:

1. Superintendent's Circular SPE-15
2. Superintendent's Circular TRN-2
3. Superintendent's Circular SUPT-18
4. Superintendent's Circular FSE-06
5. Superintendent's Circular SUP-5
6. Superintendent Circulars EQT - 1 through EQT-6
7. Superintendent's Circular HWD-06
8. Superintendent's Circular SUP- 9
9. Superintendent's Circular LGL-07
10. Superintendent's Circular SSS-18
11. Superintendent's Circular SAF- 1 and SAF-3
12. NEW Policy Regarding Preparing and Sharing Incident Reports and Other Student Information
13. Succeed Boston Referral Contact - One Pager
14. NEW Substance Use



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02-03-2025

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 ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-NINE CENTS **(\$1,735,107.39)** in the form of a grant, the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative grant, awarded by MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department.

The grant would fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.

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 FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-NINE CENTS (**\$1,735,107.39**) would fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs. 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 MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative grant award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-NINE CENTS (**\$1,735,107.39**).

Docket #

**In City Council
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Mayor

Approved

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by Adam Cederbaum
Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

June 5, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0394, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Wu and was referred to the Committee on February 5, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0394, This public safety grant awarded by the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security will be administered by the Boston Police Department to address gang violence. This funding will support collaborative and coordinated efforts among regional and local law enforcement and other key stakeholders to combat gang related activities through prevention, intervention, enforcement, and community engagement strategies.

Information Received at Hearing

The Committee held a hearing on Thursday, June 5, 2025. The purpose of the hearing is to give the Committee an opportunity to hear from potential grant recipients who participate in the program, and would receive funds should the order to accept and expend this grant be approved by the Council. Each representative from a community organization spoke on their mission and work emphasizing the importance of this grant in providing critical support to at-risk youths within the community.

According to the grant information and breakdown presented by DeMon Bills, Project Coordinator for Senator Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative within the Boston Police Department, last year's FY24 Shannon Grant, totaling \$1,705,475.12, provided funding to the following partner organizations:

ABCD, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Boston Medical Center's Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (VIAP), Boston Police Department, Boston Public Health Commission, Fathers' Uplift, Freedom House, Future Chefs, Hyde Square Task Force, Justice Resource Institute, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Maverick Landing, More Than Words, Mothers for Justice & Equality, Project RIGHT Inc., Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center, St. Stephen's Youth Programs, The Center for Teen Empowerment, YOU Boston, YouthBuild, YouthConnect, and the Boys & Girls Club of Boston.



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Testimony was provided by students who shared their perspectives on how the funds could be best utilized to better serve at-risk youth in the City. This was followed by testimony from representatives of each organization, who spoke about their respective use of the funding.

The grant information and funding breakdown for FY25 are as follows:

Freedom House - \$350,000. Freedom House will offer six different college classes for students and the community, serving up to 120 people. 90 of these classes will be filled with students that are in high-risk situations. Freedom House will also provide 20 jobs to students with significant economic challenges.

Maverick Landing Community Services (MLCS) - \$35,000. Case Management for youth and families in East Boston. Neighborhood Resources, Safety Task Force Meetings, Youth Task Force and Police Dialogues. MLCS is reaching and engaging some of the most deeply underserved youth in East Boston.

Roca - \$35,000. Roca will utilize Shannon CSI grant funding to complete the intervention portion of its Social intervention and Prevention Program in East Boston. Funding will specifically support intensive street outreach and case management for at least 25 high-risk-gang involved young men in East Boston, with the goal of reducing violence and incarcerations.

Veronica Robles Cultural Center - \$35,000. VROCC provides youth leadership, arts education, employment and job training to help keep immigrant youth from East Boston from getting involved in activity. It employs LatinX immigrant youth leaders who earn a stipend as they learn to prepare, market and sell traditional Mexican food at farmer's markets.

The Center for Teen Empowerment (TE) - \$35,000. Teen Empowerment employs 50-60 youth to work approximately 10-12 hours per week to organize violence prevention initiatives for their peers and community members. TE also provides one-on-one mental health services and referrals.

Young Man With A Plan (YMWP) - \$30,000. YMWP delivers holistic mentoring that helps over 250 at-risk young Black and Latino men in Boston make academic and social-emotional gains and access sustainable futures.

Youth Guidance-BAM/WOW - \$35,000. Youth Guidance Boston works within the schools of Boston Public Schools (BPS) to heal those directly and indirectly affected by violence through Becoming A Man (BAM) and Working on Womanhood (WOW), school-based social emotional learning programs that target students in grades 6-12.

Sportsmen's Tennis Enrichment Center - \$35,000. Sportsmen's Tennis Enrichment Center's Volley Against Violence (VAV), a partnership between the Boston Police Department that works to engage inner city youths in tennis, breaking down barriers and bringing diverse groups of youth from different neighborhoods together.

Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC) - \$40,000. MPDC's Soheil Turner Youth Leadership Institute provides targeted, year-round programming through comprehensive, paid youth workforce development and leadership activities.



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YouthConnect - \$100,000. Youth Connect delivers a Social Intervention and prevention program, offering specialized services to youth and families delivered through licensed social workers in each Police District and in School Police offices.

Apprentice Learning - \$35,000. Apprentice Learning is integrated into school beginning in seventh grade, leading to a workplace-based apprenticeship in eighth grade and to paid summer internship opportunities and job referrals for rising 9th grade students.

Boston Medical Center - VIAP-\$100,000. VIAP provides violence intervention outreach to direct victims of violence. It provides direct services to all receptive clients including redirection, relocation, and job and life skills. It also provides victims and families with linkages to BMC's behavioral, medical, mental health, and substance abuse services.

Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) - \$72,800.00. Boston Centers for Youth and Families Girls Leadership Corps provide youth jobs to young women each summer and 20 positions for Community sites to distribute during the summer when jobs are paramount to the success of young people.

Youth Build Boston (YBB) - \$35,000. Youth Build Boston provides educational and vocational programs for at-risk opportunity youth primarily from Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan. YBB's programs offer a pathway to sustainability careers in the construction and design industry.

Boston Housing Authority (BHA) - \$61,000. The credible messenger program will employ mentors to provide twice weekly group mentoring, ad hoc individual mentoring, and case management to 35 youth between 12 to 18 years of age who are vulnerable and victims of violence at the BHA's Mildred C. Hailey and Franklin Field Development.

Mothers for Justice and Equality (MJE) - \$35,000. MJE participants obtain sustainable employment and become a part of the solution they engage in MJE's community action initiative. MJE provides gun violence prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services to young adults both in the community and in prison.

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office - \$60,000. The JAR Program provides system-involved youth with a pathway out of traditional juvenile court processes and into community-based rehabilitation services.

Youth Options Unlimited - \$82,793.20. YOU Boston offers a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach to serving court-involved and/or gang affiliated youth. Components include intensive case management, development of an individual service plan, academic support, transitional employment, and job training.

The following organizations also provided written testimony in support of approval of this grant, and shared information about their planned usage of the funds. During the hearing, it was explained that these organizations would receive the following funding should this grant be approved by the Council:



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Hyde Park Task Force - \$35,000. Hyde Park Jovenes en Accion/Youth in Action program provides a safe and accessible environment for youths grades 8 through 12 to engage in Afro-Latin arts training , academic enrichment and mentoring, civic engagement and youth organizing, and socio and emotional mental health support.

St. Stephens Youth Program (SSYP) - \$30,000. SSYP is proposing the creation of B-PEACE, a community violence prevention initiative. The mission of the B-PEACE will create environmental conditions for the prosocial development of teens and young adults to disrupt the cycle of violence in Roxbury and South End neighborhoods of Boston.

Louise D. Brown Peace Institute (LDBPI) - \$35,000. The LDBPI will provide safe spaces for young people to learn how to transform their pain into power by becoming mentors to newer survivors counseling; peer grief support; mentoring; holistic healing workshops; and opportunities for civic engagement.

Future Chef's - \$30,000. Future Chefs works within the community of Grove Hall to provide opportunities for developing essential, transferable, and interpersonal skills to young people. Outside of the kitchen, Youth Service Specialists provide one-on-one coaching and mentoring to help young people post-secondary plans.

Urban Guild - \$30,000. The Guild provides Our Sanctuary Space as the safe container for the work of the following programs: Girls Reflecting Our Worlds, and ACT up with 5-0, a restorative arts program using art form to create an environment where police and youth are able to overcome trauma through artistic creativity.

Project Right - \$35,000. Project Right Inc. offers an outreach worker for the Grove Hall/Roxbury neighborhood providing violence prevention and intervention to youth. The outreach worker will target forty youth and assess needs, identify obstacles and strengths and refer them to appropriate intervention services.

Father Uplift - \$30,000. Fathers' Uplift works in the communities of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, and Hyde Park to help Black and Hispanic young men and youth to overcome barriers related to father absence, re-entry, substance abuse, gang activity, and other challenges in the community.

Additional written testimony was provided by DeMon Bills on behalf of the Boston Police Department as administrator of this grant, sharing information on an additional allocation of funds to the Boston Public Health Commission:

Boston Public Health Commission - \$50,000. BPHC's Village in Progress Youth Organizing Institute is a peer leadership program that explores the roots of violence and ways to address them in three neighborhoods of Boston most impacted by violence (Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury).

In total, these above 27 partnership allocations total \$1,196,593.20.



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DeMon Bills provided further written information on the breakdown of the remaining grant funds, which would be allocated to programs provided by the Boston Police Department, as well as in funding of a Shannon Program Coordinator and Data Analyst role as follows:

BPD Drug Control Unit – \$43,000. To work in close partnership with the BPD's Youth Violence Strike Force, School police Unit, and other law enforcement partners beyond on normal tour of duty hours to focus on operations involving drug possession and distribution.

BPD Homicide Unit - \$43,000. At the direction of the District Attorney's Office, investigates and prepares cases on all homicides, suspicious deaths, fatal collisions, serious assaults, and battered children's cases in which the victim is in danger of death.

BPD Youth Violence Strike Force (YVSF) - \$43,000. Partners with the Probation Officers in 7 District Courts in Suffolk County and the Dept. of Youth Services to provide home visits to probationers, particularly those who are impact players or at high-risk for re-offending. The unit also carries out gang/youth violence reduction operations and strategies.

BPD Community Engagement Unit - \$43,000. To host police dialogues, anti-violence workshops, basketball league games, and overtime for the unit to fund flashlight walks, neighborhood watch community walks and Unit specific events. Including training, neighborhood dialogues, and conferences.

BPD Street Outreach Unit - \$43,000. To spend hours assisting Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery specialists in the areas of the city with concentrated amounts of street drug use, homelessness and recovery and mental health issues.

BPD School Police - \$43,000. Support school administration when called, to identify youth at risk of gang, and high-risk involvement; and community-based intervention for spill over school conflicts.

Shannon Program Coordinator and Data Analyst

In addition to providing Program Management and Coordination of Services, the Program Director acts as a liaison between Mayor's Office, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and Steering Committee members; collect monthly progress and statistical information to review progress; submit quarterly progress reports to EOPSS; participate in data collection; conform with technology requirements; conduct surveys and report out findings; facilitate partner coordination meetings; conduct site visits to partnering agencies; revision request, programmatic questions, reimbursements; and attend and participate in technical assistance meetings.

Calculation: Program Director = \$78,138.52

Fringe for Program Director = \$19,886.25

Data Analyst is housed at the Boston Police Department (BPD) Headquarters and is a member of the Violent Crime Analysis team which examines the involvement of individuals and groups in violent crime. include incident, arrest, and field interrogation data, as well as data from criminal history. Furthermore, the analyst liaisons with the BPD's Youth Violence Strike Force to enhance intelligence collection.



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Calculation: Data Analyst @ 20% = \$13,517.66

Fringe benefits for Data Analyst = \$3,440.24

City of Boston Administrative fee; this grant allows for a max of 10% on Direct Costs = \$157,437.00

Trainings and supplies for grant administration = \$10,000.00

Total grant amount = \$1,735,107.39

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice 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**.

Henry A. Santana

Henry Santana, Chair

Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice



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04-14-2025

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 FOUR MILLION DOLLARS **(\$4,000,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Federal FY25 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing.

The grant would fund services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

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 Federal FY25 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development.

WHEREAS, the the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Mayor's Office of Housing; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of FOUR MILLION DOLLARS **(\$4,000,000.00)** would fund services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS. The award amount is estimated from prior years. 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 the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, the Federal FY25 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant award not to exceed the amount of FOUR MILLION DOLLARS **(\$4,000,000.00)**.

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City Clerk

Mayor

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04-14-2025

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 TWO MILLION DOLLARS **(\$2,000,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Federal FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing.

The grant would fund street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance and shelter services. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

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,

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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND the Federal FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development.

WHEREAS, the the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Mayor's Office of Housing; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWO MILLION DOLLARS (**\$2,000,000.00**) would fund street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance and shelter services. The award amount is estimated from prior years. 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 the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, the Federal FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant award not to exceed the amount of TWO MILLION DOLLARS (**\$2,000,000.00**).

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City Clerk

Mayor

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04-14-2025

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 EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS **(\$18,000,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Federal FY25 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing.

The grant would fund housing, economic development and social service programs. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

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 Federal FY25 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FUNDS, AWARDED BY the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development.

WHEREAS, the the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Mayor's Office of Housing; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (**\$18,000,000.00**) would fund housing, economic development and social service programs. The award amount is estimated from prior years. Therefore be it

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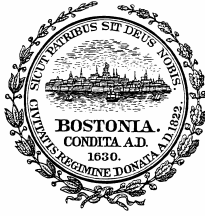
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

June 5, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The following dockets were referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development for consideration:

Docket #0885, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY25 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund housing, economic development and social services programs. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

Docket #0886, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The will fund the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, and also provide operating support for community development corporations. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

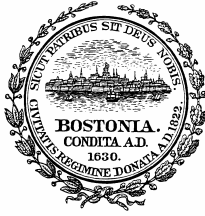
Docket #0888, Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

Docket #0889, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and shelter services. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and were referred to the Committee on April 16, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Dockets #0885, #0886, #0888, and #0889 are a collection of United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants distributed by the federal government and administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH). The authorizations include estimated not-to-exceed amounts, as the actual award figures were not yet available at the time the dockets were submitted for Council approval. These HUD programs were level-funded by a Continuing Resolution passed by Congress earlier this year,



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and each of these grant allocations is expected to see a modest reduction in funding compared to the previous program year, as outlined below. The grants fund a variety of housing-related activities, such as economic development and social service programs, production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, operating support for community development organizations, services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS, street outreach, emergency shelters, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing assistance and shelter services.

Docket #0885 is for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in an amount not to exceed \$18 million. The anticipated CDBG allocation for HUD Program Year (PY) 2025 / City of Boston Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 is \$16,948,744. This amount would represent a reduction of \$247,107 (1.4 percent) from the HUD PY24/City FY25 award amount of \$17,195,851. MOH is the primary administering agency for the City's CDBG allocation and subgrants portions of the allocation to other City departments. These include the Office of Fair Housing and Equity (\$452,593), the Office of Workforce Development (\$2,567,136), and the Small and Local Business Program of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion (\$4,961,366). The primary uses for this grant are homebuyer education, down payment assistance, housing rehabilitation, rental housing development, and job training and economic development programs. These funds must primarily be used for activities serving households with incomes up to the CDBG-defined 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) or households residing in a geographic area where at least 51 percent of the households have incomes under that threshold.

Docket #0886 is for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grant in an amount not to exceed \$6 million. The anticipated HOME allocation for HUD PY25/City FY26 is \$4,943,764. This amount would represent a reduction of \$58,195 (1.2 percent) from the HUD PY24/City FY25 award amount of \$5,001,959. MOH administers all HOME funds for eligible activities which include housing construction and rehabilitation. The funds will support the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing targeting households with incomes under 80 percent of the Boston Metropolitan Area Median Family Income. For rental housing, at least 90 percent of the units must serve households with incomes up to 60 percent of the Median Income.

Docket #0888 is for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant in an amount not to exceed \$4 million. The anticipated HOPWA allocation for HUD PY25/City FY26 is \$3,649,543. This amount would represent a reduction of \$32,666 (0.8 percent) from the HUD PY24/City FY25 award amount of \$3,682,209. MOH administers HOPWA funds for all of Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk counties. Eligible activities include the construction or rehabilitation of housing for persons with AIDS; tenant-based rental assistance; supportive services; housing information services; permanent housing placement services; short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance (STRMU); and technical assistance. The City's primary use of HOPWA funds, through MOH, will support tenant-based rental assistance, STRMU, housing information and counseling services, and permanent housing placement for households with HIV/AIDS and incomes up to 80 percent of the Boston Metropolitan Area Median Family Income.

Docket #0889 is for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in an amount not to exceed \$2 million. The anticipated ESG allocation for HUD PY25/City FY26 is \$1,511,334. This amount would represent a reduction of \$29,854 (1.9 percent) from the HUD PY24/City FY25 award amount of \$1,541,188. MOH administers all ESG funds, which may be used for five program components: street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, and the Homeless Management Information System



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(HMIS). Eligible target populations include chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. These funds may only be used for persons who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless as defined by HUD. Participants seeking assistance under the homelessness prevention component must have an income below 30 percent AMI.

Information Received

Due to constraints on the City Council calendar during the concurrent review of the FY26 budget, the Committee was unable to hold a dedicated hearing on these dockets before the end of FY25. In lieu of a hearing, the grants in Committee were discussed in general terms by MOH personnel at the Committee on Ways and Means hearing for the MOH FY26 budget on the evening of May 19, 2025. Additionally, the Chair requested and received supplemental information from MOH regarding the grants, which has been incorporated into the above report.

Given that funding for HUD Program Year 2025—partially coinciding with City of Boston Fiscal Year 2026—was level-funded under a Continuing Resolution passed by Congress earlier this year, and in light of continued uncertainty surrounding future federal support for municipalities, the Chair believes prompt authorization of these grants is in the best interest of the City.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, I recommend moving the listed dockets from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At that time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that these matters **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Breadon, Chair

Committee on Housing and Community Development



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

04-14-2025

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 SIX MILLION DOLLARS **(\$6,000,000.00)** in the form of a grant, the Federal FY25 HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing.

The grant would fund the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, and also provide operating support for community development corporations. The award amount is estimated from prior years.

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 Federal FY25 HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant FUNDS, AWARDED BY the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development.

WHEREAS, the the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Mayor's Office of Housing; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SIX MILLION DOLLARS **(\$6,000,000.00)** would fund the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, and also provide operating support for community development corporations. The award amount is estimated from prior years. 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 the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, the Federal FY25 HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant award not to exceed the amount of SIX MILLION DOLLARS **(\$6,000,000.00)**.

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
Election Department

June 3, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to G.L.c. 53, §18A, I transmit for your approval a citizen petition entitled "In the interest of government accountability, transparency, and accessibility, should the city of Boston establish a municipal independent Office of Inspector General" (the "Petition") for the placement of a local nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot of the next regular municipal election, which will occur on November 4, 2025. The Petition, includes the signatures of at least ten registered voters of the City of Boston (the "City") as required by statute. Following examination the Petition has been deemed sufficient by the Board of Election Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eneida D. Tavares", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eneida D. Tavares, Chair
Board Election Commissioners

Enclosures

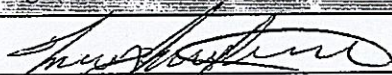
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PETITION FOR NON-BINDING BALLOT QUESTION
NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION


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"In the interest of government accountability, transparency, and accessibility, should the City of Boston establish a municipal independent Office of Inspector General?"

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Trance B. Booth	586 Dudley St. #301	
Signature	Dorchester, Ma. 02125	
Trance B. Booth	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Luis Justiniano	29 abbot St Dorchester Ma	
Signature	02124	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Harry F. Scales Jr	15 Itasca St	
Signature	Matt, Ma. 02126	
Harry F. Scales Jr	Date	5/28/25

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Jared Hicks	24 Gallivan Blvd	
Signature	Dorchester, MA 02124	
	Date	5/28/25

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Louis Elisa	68 Seaver St	
Signature	Boston MA 02121	
Louis A. Elisa	Date	5/28/25

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Printed Name	Address	
✓ VICTORIA WILLIAMS	91 MUNROE ST	
Signature	ROXBURY MA 02119	
Victoria Williams	Date	5/28/25
Printed Name	Address	
✓ ZIBS CRAMER	44 HALIFAX ST	
Signature	JP 02130	
Zibs Cramer	Date	5/28/25
Printed Name	Address	
X ENID ECKSTEIN	135 PERKINS ST	
ENID ECKSTEIN	JP 02130	
Signature		
	Date	
Printed Name	Address	
✓ KRISTA MAGNUSON	83 WYMAN ST #1	
Signature	BOSTON MA 02130	
Krista Magnuson	Date	
Printed Name	Address	
✓ KATHRYN LEVINE	53 TORREY ST #1	
Signature	Boston MA 02124	
Kate Levine	Date	

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PETITION FOR NON-BINDING BALLOT QUESTION
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Printed Name	Address	
✓ Linda Freeman	4 Ellis St #1	
Signature	Roxby 02119	
Linda Freeman	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Wheat (BURN) Crawford	46 Esmond St	
Signature	Dor., MA 02124	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Cortina Vann	115 Milton Ave	
Signature	Dor, MA 02124	
Cortina	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Armani White	120 Winthrop St. Apt 3	
Signature	02119 Roxbury	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Lisa Beasley	159 Howard Ave	
Signature	Dor C 02125	
LISA BEASLEY	Date	5/28/25

CITY OF BOSTON
 OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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Printed Name	Address	
✓ Darris Jordan	56 Mercator Ave	
Signature	Dorchester, MA, 02124	
<i>Darris Jordan</i>	Date	5/28/2025
Printed Name	Address	
✓ Sajini Gore	10 Marie Street	
Signature	Dorchester	
<i>Sajini Gore</i>	Date	5-28-25
Printed Name	Address	
✓ Andrea J. Walker	24 Elm Hill Park	
Signature	Dorchester, MA 02121	
<i>Andrea J. Walker</i>	Date	5-28-25
Printed Name	Address	
✓ Danielle R. Williams	75 Munroe St.	
Signature	Roxbury MA 02119	
<i>Danielle R. Williams</i>	Date	
Printed Name	Address	
✓ Mahadi Ali	64 Lawrence Ave Dorchester	
Signature	MA 02121	
<i>Mahadi Ali</i>	Date	05/28/2025

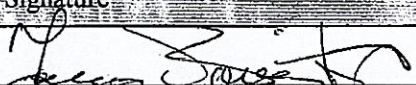
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NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION


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Printed Name	Address	
✓ Joanne Bannister	970 River st.	
Signature	Hyde Park, MA 02136	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ James Dawy	970 River st.	
Signature	Hyde Park, MA 02136	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ DLEA Foot Fleerissit	1550 blue hill Ave	
Signature	Mattapan MA 02126	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Edwign Shemaker	6 Percival St	
Signature	Boston, MA, 02122	
	Date	5/28/25

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Tanta Anderson	1715 Humboldt Ave	
Signature		
	Date	5/28/2025

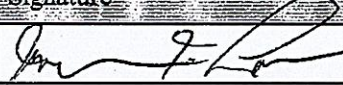
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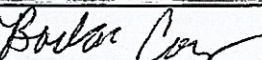
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Printed Name	Address	
✓ Ivan J. Lacat	30 Cedar Street	
Signature	Mattapan, MA 02126	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Triscilla Flint	64 Stambord Ave	
Signature	Ros, 02121	
	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Kathleen H Bree	10 View South Ave #3	
Signature 	JP MA 02120	
Kath Bree	Date	5/28/2025

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Kristine Acevedo	27 King St. #2	
Signature 	Dorchester 02122	
	Date	5/28/22

Printed Name	Address	
✓ Barbara Couzens	56 Mercier Ave.	
Signature	Dorchester, MA 02124	
	Date	5/28/25



Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Luis A Justiniano
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 29 Abbot St 3 Boston, Ma 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erin D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. Terry
Janet C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OR
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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Trayce B Booth
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 586 Dudley St 301 Boston, MA 02125
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erica D. Durand
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert S. Terry
Janet C. Denny

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Harry Franklin Scales Jr.
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 15 Hasca St Boston, MA 02126
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Annida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Yachor S. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Jared Edward Hicks
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 24 Gallivan Blvd Boston, Ma 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

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Amida D. Durand
Ellen E. Rooney
Yachor S. Terry
James C. Stoney

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Louis Alejhandro Elisa II
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 68 Seaver St Boston, ma 02121
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Jason S. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Victoria L Williams
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 91 Munroe St #3 Boston, Ma 02119
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erica D. Hurst
Ellen E. Rooney
James S. Terry
James C. Stoney

5-30-2025
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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Ziba Cranmer
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 44 Halifax St 1 Boston, MA 02130
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert S. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Krista Marie Magnuson
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 83 Wyman St / Boston, Ma 02130
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erin D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Kathryn Shannon Levine
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 53 Torrey St / Boston, MA 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Euclid D. Howard
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert S. Terry
James C. Seavey

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Linda May Freeman
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 4 Ellis St #1 Boston, Ma 02119
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erin D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Cheryl Louise Clyburn-Crawford
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 46 ESmond ST 1 Boston, Ma 02121
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erica D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
James S. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Cortina M Vann
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 115 Milton Ave Boston, MA 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

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Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

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(DATE)

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Armani White
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 120 Winthrop St #3 Boston, Ma 02119
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
James J. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Lisa Beasley
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 159 Howard Ave 2 Boston, MA 02125
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert S. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Darris J Jordan
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 50 Mercier Ave Boston, ma 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert S. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Soyini L LeGore
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 10 Maine St 2 Boston, ma 02122
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erinda D. [Signature]
Ellen E. [Signature]
Yachor S. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Andrea Jean Walker
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 24 Elm Hill Park Boston, MA 02121
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Ellen E. Rooney
James C. Seaver

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Danielle R Williams
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 75 Munroe St #1 Boston, MA 02119
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erin D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
James C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OR
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

BOSTON
(CITY OR TOWN)



Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Mahdi Ahmed Ali
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 64 Lawrence Ave 3 Boston, Ma 02121
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Chida D. Davis
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. Terry
James C. Stoney

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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BOSTON
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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Joanne P Bannister
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 970 River St Boston, MA 02136
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. [Signature]
James J. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that James J Danay
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 970 River St 3 Boston, Ma 02136
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erin D. [Signature]
Ellen E. [Signature]
James J. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Dieufort J Fleurissant
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 1550 Blue Hill Ave 2 Boston, MA 02126
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erica D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
James J. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that EDWYN GUY SHOEMAKER
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 6 PERCIVAL ST BOSTON, MA 02122
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erica D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Jason S. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Tania Fernandes - Anderson
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 175 Humboldt Ave #2 Boston, MA 02121
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Amelia D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Jovan J Lacet
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 30 Cedar St Boston, MA 02126
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erin D. [Signature]
Ellen E. [Signature]
James S. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Priscilla E Flint
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 64 Starbird Ave Boston, MA 02131
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erin D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. [Signature]
Janet C. [Signature]

5/30/2005
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Kathleen Heather Brown
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 10 View South Ave 3 Boston, MA 02130
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. Hernandez
Ellen E. Rooney
James C. Seavoy

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Kristine Acevedo
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 27 King St 2 Boston, MA 02122
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Unenrolled
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Erica D. Howard
Ellen E. Rooney
Robert J. [unclear]
James C. [unclear]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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Election Department

VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

We certify that Barbara Lynn Couzens
(Voter's name as registered)

is a registered voter at 56 mercier Ave Boston, ma 02124
(Voter's address including Street and number and city or town)

and is registered as a Democrat
(Voter's party or political designation)

as of the date of this certificate.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

Quida D. [Signature]
Ellen E. Rooney
James S. [Signature]
James C. [Signature]

5/30/2025
(DATE)

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BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Government Operations
Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair

One City Hall Square 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02201 ♦ Phone: (617) 635-3040 ♦ city.council@boston.gov

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

June 11, 2025

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Government Operations was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #1187, Communication was received from Eneida Tavares, Chair of the Board of Election, regarding the Citizen Petition to create an Office of Inspector General.

This matter was referred to the Committee on June 4, 2025.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #1187, is a citizen's petition to place a nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot for the November 4, 2025 municipal election. The petition proposes placement on the ballot of the following question: *“In the interest of government accountability, transparency, and accessibility, should the City of Boston establish a municipal independent Office of Inspector General?”* Pursuant to **M.G.L. Chapter 53, Section 18A**, a nonbinding public opinion advisory question may be placed on the ballot for a regular municipal election by vote of the governing body no later than thirty-five (35) days before the election, or upon the submission of a citizen-initiated petition that satisfies applicable statutory requirements. In the City of Boston, the “governing body” includes the City Council and the Mayor.

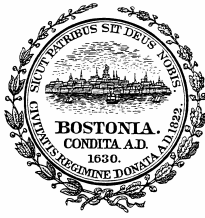
Under the statute, a citizen-initiated petition signed by at least ten (10) registered voters may be submitted to the governing body for consideration and approval. Where such a petition is approved by the governing body at least ninety (90) days before the election (*Wednesday, August 6, 2025*), the question shall be placed on the ballot for the upcoming municipal election. The petition submitted under Docket #1187 was signed by 29 registered voters. The Board of Election Commissioners examined the petition submitted and deemed the signatures sufficient to satisfy the signature requirement of at least 10 registered voters.

If the Council does not act on Docket #1187 by August 6th, petitioners may still seek to qualify the question for ballot placement; however, through an alternate process outlined in **Chapter 53, Section 18A** that requires collecting additional signatures from at least ten percent (10%) of the City’s registered voters. This process would allow the question to be placed on the ballot without approval of the City’s governing body but involves a significantly higher administrative burden. Timely approval by the City Council will support the petitioners in their advocacy for placement of the proposed question on the ballot this November.

Summary of Amendments

The proposed ballot question was amended by inserting the words “oversight” and “fiscal responsibility”; striking the words “office of”; and re-wording for clarity. As amended, the ballot question shall read:

“In the interest of accountability, transparency, accessibility, and fiscal responsibility, should the City of Boston establish an independent municipal Inspector General to provide governmental oversight?”



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Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations 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.**

Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Chair
Committee on Government Operations



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, TRAFFIC-CALMING, AND EXPANDING THE SAFETY SURGE PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: Pedestrian safety is a critical component of public safety and overall quality of life for our residents, and the City of Boston is committed to pedestrian safety as part of Vision Zero - the goal of having zero serious and fatal traffic crashes; *and*

WHEREAS: The city lowered its default speed limit on neighborhood streets from 30 mph to 25 mph in 2017, with calls from City Councilors to lower it further to 20 mph. The City Council has also held multiple hearings for several years on pedestrian safety, concurrent pedestrian phasing traffic signals, and advocacy on using federal infrastructure funding to install infrastructure such as speed humps, raised crosswalks, pedestrian islands and rapid flash beacons in our neighborhoods; *and*

WHEREAS: Over the weekend, a SUV struck a pedestrian on Dorchester Avenue at Andrew Square before crashing into a restaurant due to speeding and reckless driving. Unfortunately, the pedestrian tragically passed away from his injuries, and the driver and passenger are in critical condition; *and*

WHEREAS: Last year, a 4 year-old child was fatally struck by a truck at Sleeper Street and Congress Street in the Fort Point Neighborhood. As of October 2024 last year, there were 137 crashes and eight pedestrian fatalities in Boston; *and*

WHEREAS: These tragedies remind us of the work that must be done to realize Vision Zero in terms of the traffic-calming infrastructure improvements, slower speeds and enhanced traffic enforcement by the Boston Police Department to address pedestrian and traffic safety where congestion has gradually increased over the years; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2023, the City of Boston announced the Safety Surge program, in which they have begun to install zones of speed humps on eligible neighborhood streets, redesign intersections, and make changes to traffic signals in order to make our streets safer for our pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists; *and*

WHEREAS: The installation of speed humps is welcomed by many residents as a way to slow down cars, but currently speed humps are only being installed on smaller side streets, but not on wider and busier streets where cars are consistently speeding and serious crashes also occur with residents having to cross main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes; *and*

WHEREAS: Main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes are often dangerous for pedestrians as that is where the majority of pedestrian and vehicular traffic are located. These areas should also have traffic-calming infrastructure in place to force speeding vehicles to slow down and allow pedestrians, our seniors, persons with disabilities, and young families to cross the street more safely; *and*

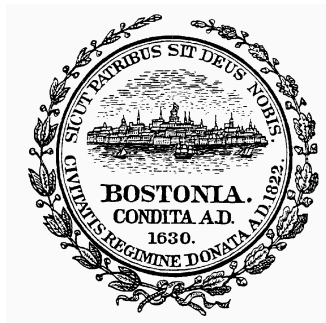
WHEREAS: It is critical for the City of Boston to continue its focus on pedestrian safety and traffic calming improvements to realize Vision Zero - including whether the Safety Surge program should be updated with infrastructure to be installed on main streets, commercial roads, high traffic corridors, and bus routes to ensure road safety for all; *and*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety by updating and expanding the Safety Surge program. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed in Council: January 15, 2025

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL



ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SPEED HUMPS IN BOSTON.

WHEREAS, The City of Boston has implemented speed humps as part of a broader effort to reduce speeding and increase pedestrian safety in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The installation of speed humps is intended to address concerns about traffic violations, accidents, and pedestrian safety in various neighborhoods across the city; and

WHEREAS, Many residents have expressed support for the continued installation of speed humps, citing improvements in traffic safety, while others have raised concerns about issues such as noise, emergency vehicle access, and the potential removal of speed humps; and

WHEREAS, It is important to evaluate the effectiveness of these traffic calming measures, including whether they have led to reductions in traffic speeds, traffic accidents, and incidents involving pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Data from the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Police Department is essential to assess the impact of speed humps on traffic patterns and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Some neighborhoods have requested the removal of speed humps, and it is crucial to understand the reasons behind these requests and how they may impact future decisions on speed hump installations; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of the effectiveness of speed humps will help ensure that future traffic calming measures are aligned with the needs and concerns of Boston residents; now be it

ORDERED, That the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to:

- Assess the Impact on Traffic Speed and Violations: Review data from the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Police Department to evaluate the effectiveness of speed humps in reducing speeding violations and traffic speeds in neighborhoods where they have been installed.
- Examine Traffic Accidents and Pedestrian Safety: Analyze the impact of speed humps on traffic accidents, including incidents involving pedestrians, in neighborhoods before and after installation.

- Review Public Feedback on Speed Humps: Discuss the concerns raised by residents regarding speed humps, including issues related to noise, accessibility, and emergency vehicle access, and the reasoning behind requests for their removal.
- Evaluate Emergency Response Considerations: Examine whether speed humps have impacted emergency vehicle response times and whether adjustments need to be made to accommodate first responders.
- Explore Future Plans for Speed Hump Installations: Review the Boston Transportation Department's plans for future speed hump installations, modifications, or removals, and the criteria used in determining where speed humps will be placed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, and other relevant city agencies be invited to provide testimony at this hearing to ensure a thorough examination of the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.

Filed on the 5th day of February, 2025.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

January 6, 2025

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

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of J. Andres Bernal of 32 Tappan Street, Roslindale, MA 02131, as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring July 1, 2027, provided that members may continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed. I am appointing J. Andres Bernal pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended by Chapter 461 of the Acts of 1993, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, as amended by Chapter 365 of the Acts of 2020, and subject to your confirmation. The Boston Society of Architects nominated J. Andres Bernal to serve as an Alternate Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF J. ANDRES BERNAL TO
THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended by Chapter 461 of the Acts of 1993, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, as amended by Chapter 365 of the Acts of 2020, the appointment of J. Andres Bernal of 32 Tappan Street, Roslindale, Massachusetts 02131 as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring on July 1, 2027, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

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

BY


ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 31, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Lisa Tharp of 2 Arlington Street, #2, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 as a member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission, for a term expiring December 31, 2028. I am appointing Lisa Tharp pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 625 of the Acts of 1966, and subject to your confirmation. Lisa Tharp shall serve as a Primary Member. Lisa Tharp is a nominee of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Lisa Tharp as a member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA THARP AS A MEMBER
OF THE BACK BAY ARCHITECTURAL DISTRICT COMMISSION.**

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 625 of the Acts of 1966, the appointment of Lisa Tharp of 2 Arlington Street, #2, Boston, MA 02116 to the Back Bay Architectural District Commission, for a term ending December 31, 2028, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

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



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

**ORDER FOR A HEARING ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY,
TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF DECISION MAKING
PROTOCOLS IN CITY GOVERNMENT**

- WHEREAS,** Sherry Arnstein, writing in 1969 about citizen involvement in planning processes in the United States, described a “ladder of citizen participation” that ranges from non-participation to full citizen control, where people handle the entire process of planning, policy-making, and program management. Arnstein’s framework underscores the importance of inclusive decision-making processes, particularly in matters that impact local communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston develops and dedicates substantial resources and conducts in-depth decision-making related to housing, education, public safety, public health, and zoning, but these resources and decision-making processes are often inaccessible to the individuals and communities most directly impacted by the systemic issues these initiatives aim to address; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Protocols and procedures in the City of Boston, established through the city charter, legislative action, or the discretion of city officials, have created a civic culture where individuals with the most privileged access often hold disproportionate influence over decision-making, while many residents feel excluded from or unheard in shaping policies and programs that affect them; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The renovation of White Stadium in Franklin Park has raised concerns about how effectively large-scale city projects incorporate meaningful community input. The project’s significant cost increase—from \$50 million to \$91 million—has highlighted questions regarding transparency, the accessibility and inclusiveness of decision-making processes, and how these decisions align with the needs and priorities of neighboring communities such as Roxbury and Mattapan; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is conducting Squares and Streets planning and rezoning initiatives in several neighborhoods now and with a total of 17 neighborhoods in the future. Concerns have been raised about

the inclusiveness and effectiveness of community engagement in these efforts, as participation data shows underrepresentation of protected demographic groups relative to neighborhood populations, suggesting insufficient outreach and equitable access, alongside a lack of specific measures to prevent the potential displacement often linked to rezoning, highlighting the need for more inclusive and proactive planning processes.; *and*

WHEREAS, The Housing Accelerator Fund, created through a \$110 million appropriation of unrestricted free cash, is intended to address financing gaps for approved housing projects, including the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment. However, questions remain about how effectively this fund is aligned with anti-displacement goals, equitable access to affordable housing, and transparency in its implementation and oversight; *and*

WHEREAS, The modernization of Article 80 development processes by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has raised concerns about reductions in public participation, the transparency of decision-making protocols, and the inclusion of protections against displacement and inequity in housing and development outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, On June 21, 2023, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provisionally designated Boston Medical Center as the redevelopment partner for the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital Campus at 170 Morton Street, near Franklin Park. While the expansion of the project to include over 400 units of supportive and family housing represents a significant development, decisions are being made with limited transparency and without adequately engaging the community. Residents have expressed the need for a process that actively incorporates their input to ensure the project reflects their priorities and concerns; *and*

WHEREAS, The redesign of Blue Hill Avenue, a vital corridor connecting multiple Boston neighborhoods, has raised similar concerns about a lack of community involvement in decision-making. Despite the significant impact of proposed changes to traffic flow, parking, and infrastructure, many residents and business owners along the corridor feel excluded from conversations that directly affect their lives and livelihoods. Greater transparency and engagement are necessary to align decisions with the needs of those most affected; *and*

WHEREAS, The redesign and construction of Madison Park Vocational Technical High School has faced significant delays, disproportionately impacting students who rely on its programs to gain critical vocational and technical skills. Community stakeholders have raised concerns about decision-making protocols related to swing space utilization during construction, the inclusion of programs in the redesign, and overall transparency in the project's timeline, budget, and community engagement efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, Since its creation, the Boston City Council Committee on Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility has worked to review the efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of city operations and programs. This

includes the importance of examining decision-making protocols for projects like the White Stadium renovation, Squares and Streets up-zoning, Article 80 modernization, and the Housing Accelerator Fund to ensure they align with legislative intent and community priorities; *and*

WHEREAS,

More work remains to ensure that the City of Boston’s departments and agencies adopt accountable, transparent, and accessible decision-making processes that center the voices of all residents, particularly those in historically underserved neighborhoods; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing on Community Engagement, Transparency, and Accountability in City Development Decision-Making to examine how the White Stadium renovation, Squares and Streets rezoning, the Housing Accelerator Fund, and Article 80 modernization, involve residents in decision-making, to review how initiatives like the White Stadium renovation, Squares and Streets rezoning, the Housing Accelerator Fund, and Article 80 modernization engage residents, ensure transparency in public-private partnerships, and align with legislative goals to benefit affected neighborhoods.

Filed in Council: January 8, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF DECISION MAKING PROTOCOLS IN CITY GOVERNMENT

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WHEREAS,

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Filed in Council: January 8, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE, SECTION 6-6.3, SCHEDULE OF PARKING FINES

WHEREAS: The North End is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the City of Boston with limited on-street parking. During TD Garden events, attendees often park in resident-only zones without permits, displacing residents who rely on these spaces. Elevating fines would deter unauthorized parking, ensuring residents maintain access to their designated spots; *and*

WHEREAS: Currently, the fine for parking in a resident-only space without a permit is \$60. However, event parking at nearby garages, such as the North Station Garage, can cost up to \$65. This minimal difference doesn't deter drivers from risking a fine rather than paying for legal parking. Increasing fines would make illegal parking a less financially attractive option; *and*

WHEREAS: In 2015, Boston implemented a \$100 fine for illegal parking in resident-only areas during Fenway Park events, which proved effective in dissuading unauthorized parking. Applying a similar approach in the North End during TD Garden events will yield comparable results; *and*

WHEREAS: Not only would increasing fines during TD Garden events preserve parking for North End residents, but it would also support our emission reduction goals as a multi-modal city. Boston offers extensive public transportation options, including the MBTA's Orange and Green Lines serving North Station to TD Garden. Higher fines would incentivize event attendees to utilize these alternatives, reducing traffic congestion and parking demand in residential areas; *and*

WHEREAS: Illegal parking during events can lead to increased traffic, noise, and frustration for North End residents. Stricter enforcement and higher fines would help maintain the neighborhood's livability by minimizing these disruptions; *and*

WHEREAS: By amending the municipal code to increase fines for unauthorized parking in the North End during TD Garden events, Boston can better protect residents' parking access, align penalties with parking costs, reduce car emissions, build on successful strategies from other neighborhoods, promote public transportation use, and enhance the overall quality of life in the North End; **NOW**

THEREFORE

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

That the City of Boston Code Section 6-6.3, Schedule of Fines, shall be amended by inserting the following subsections after subsection NN:

Section 1. North End Residential Parking District

(OO) Notwithstanding division (F) above, the fine for parking a vehicle in the North End Residential Parking District during TD Garden Events, unless said vehicle displays in the rear window a valid and current sticker as issued by the Transportation Department for the North End Residential Parking District, shall be \$100 for each violation. A penalty of \$33 shall be assessed if the fine remains unpaid 21 days after issuance of a notice of such violation.

Section 2. TD Garden Events

(PP) (1) TD GARDEN EVENTS means any event held at TD Garden, including but not limited to professional sports games, concerts, and other large-scale gatherings, as designated by the Transportation Commissioner. Exclusively for the purposes of division (OO) above, the Transportation Commissioner may designate additional uses of TD Garden as TD GARDEN EVENTS.

(2) Event Timeframe shall be the period beginning two hours before the scheduled start time of a TD Garden event and ending two hours after the event concludes.

Section 2. Severability

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 3. Effective Date

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

Filed in City Council: June 9, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO REVIEW THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WHITE STADIUM GAME DAYS

WHEREAS: White Stadium, formerly a Boston Public Schools facility located in Franklin Park, has been demolished and is now undergoing redevelopment into an 11,000-seat stadium that will host Boston Legacy FC, a new National Women's Soccer League team, in addition to school and community events; and

WHEREAS: The stadium is projected to host approximately 20 professional games and 20 team practices per year, with game-day attendance expected to reach up to 10,000 visitors; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston released a draft Traffic and Parking Management Plan in April 2025, which proposes a residential permit parking district with seven-hour restrictions, limited guest passes, vehicle towing policies, designated rideshare drop zones, bike valet services, shuttle routes from MBTA stations and satellite parking lots, and expanded coordination with the MBTA; and

WHEREAS: The public comment period for the draft plan closed on May 23, 2025, yet many residents, civic organizations, and institutional stakeholders across Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain remain concerned that the proposed measures are vague, unrealistic, or insufficiently protective of neighborhood access; and

WHEREAS: According to current plans, approximately 40% of fans are expected to arrive via ticketed shuttle services from satellite lots and MBTA stations, another 40% via public transit, and 5–10% by bike, with designated rideshare drop zones established to reduce congestion; and

WHEREAS: However, many residents and neighborhood organizations have expressed deep skepticism that thousands of attendees will choose to bike, take the T to JFK/UMass—which has no on-site parking—or rely on shuttle buses rather than drive directly to the Franklin Park area, raising serious doubts about the feasibility and enforcement of the City's transportation strategy; and

WHEREAS: Nearby schools, places of worship, and small businesses have raised valid concerns that the proposed plan may conflict with long-standing community activities and access needs—particularly during weekends or overlapping event hours; and

WHEREAS: A final, detailed, and enforceable traffic and parking plan—developed with transparency, rooted in realistic assumptions, and shaped by

ongoing community input—is critical to avoid disruptions and uphold safety, access, and equity in the surrounding neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a public hearing to review the finalized Traffic and Parking Management Plan for White Stadium game days. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, Boston EMS, MBTA, Boston Public Schools, Boston Unity Soccer Partners, and community stakeholders shall be invited to testify. The hearing will assess the implementation timeline, enforcement strategy, community safeguards, public transit coordination, and the City's commitment to post-launch monitoring and responsiveness.

Filed in Council: June 11, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE RENAMING OF U.S. NAVY SHIP HARVEY MILK AND OTHER U.S. NAVY SHIPS NAMED AFTER IMPORTANT CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATES

WHEREAS: Last week, the United States Secretary of Defense ordered multiple U.S. Navy Ships to be renamed. This included USNS Harvey Milk, named after Gay Rights activist Harvey Milk, which is set to be renamed on June 13th; *and*

WHEREAS: Harvey Milk was the first openly gay candidate to be elected to elected office in California, serving as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. As a member of the Board of Supervisors, he brought forward supportive LGBTQ+ legislation, including a bill banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodation; *and*

WHEREAS: Prior to being elected, Milk served as a U.S. Navy Naval Reserve Officer between 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War, where he held posts on the USS Chanticleer and the USS Kittiwake. In 1955, he was forced to resign from the U.S. Navy due to being gay, and was discharged with "Other Than Honorable" status, which excluded him from being entitled to any military benefits. In 1978, Milk was assassinated along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone by a former elected San Francisco Supervisor. In 2021, USNS Harvey Milk was christened and represented a significant step toward inclusivity within the armed forces; *and*

WHEREAS: It is not lost on the public that the proposal to rename the USNS Harvey Milk comes during Pride Month - the monthlong observance of the LGBTQ+ community that started with the anniversary of the Stonewall uprising of June 1969. The White House administration also set a deadline to force active-duty transgender service members to identify themselves and voluntarily leave the military on June 6th, last Friday; *and*

WHEREAS: Other Navy ships that are being considered to be renamed include USNS Thurgood Marshall, USNS Ruth Bader Ginsburg - ships named after the first Black Supreme Court Justice Marshall and the late Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg; the USNS Harriet Tubman, USNS Lucy Stone - ships named after the famous abolitionists; and USNS Medgar Evers and USNS Cesar Chavez - ships named after important civil rights leaders. These ships' names serve as reminders of the transformative work they have dedicated to our country; *and*

WHEREAS: All of these ships are John Lewis-class replenishment oilers, designed to support Carrier Strike Groups at sea. This class of oiler ships is named after Congressman John Lewis, a revered and respected civil rights advocate. These oilers were named

by the then U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus in 2016, in recognition of Gay and Civil Rights leaders; *and*

WHEREAS: Politics should have no place in our military. The current administration's approach to erasing names of important gay and civil rights trailblazers for our country is shameful and disappointing. Instead of strengthening our military and honoring our servicemen, military families and veterans, they are fueling division, forcing out those who are willing to serve, and cutting the Department of Veterans personnel and budget, and by extension - critical programs and services for our veterans and military families; *and*

WHEREAS: We must denounce these deliberate acts to rename our U.S. Navy Ships after well-known and esteemed historic figures who have fought for the advancement of LGBTQ+ and civil rights in our country. The legacies of LGBTQ+ pioneer Harvey Milk, Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Lucy Stone, Civil Rights activists Medgar Evers and Cesar Chavez must be taught, honored and respected;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council denounces the latest renaming of USNS Harvey Milk and other USNS ships that are under consideration for renaming, and calls for the White House to keep the names of these ships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

That the Boston City Council commits to advocating and fighting for LGBTQ+, civil rights and human rights, especially for our U.S. servicemen, veterans, and military families.

Filed on: June 11, 2025



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ADDRESS DOWNTOWN OFFICE VACANCIES AND CITY REVENUE

- WHEREAS:** Downtown Boston is an important economic driver of our city, state, and New England's economy. For several years, since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of Boston's neighborhoods, especially those in the Downtown area, have been, and continues to be negatively impacted by office vacancies due to changes to hybrid and remote work; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston's budget is heavily reliant on property taxes, with more than 70% of the City's FY26 \$4.8 billion budget coming from property taxes. The city's commercial tax base, which includes offices and retail spaces, is Boston's largest revenue source, making up 35% of the city's revenue; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A 2023 BPDA market analysis found that the Financial District is the largest office submarket in Boston by a substantial margin, with 445 office buildings compared to 178 in Back Bay and 94 in the South Boston Waterfront. 91% of building stock in the Financial District are marked as office use; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to a report by the real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield, the office vacancy rate in Boston is at 17%, up from 15.1% last year. Vacancy rates impact the value of real estate, which in turn impacts the amount of tax revenue that they generate; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Over the last year, a number of high-profile buildings in Downtown have sold for large discounts, included buildings at 101 Arch Street, selling for \$78 million compared to what it was bought for at \$121.7 million in 2005, One Lincoln Street, formerly known as the State Street Building and now HarborVest, which was sold for \$400 million at a foreclosure auction in March this year, less than half of its value a few years ago, and 99 High St, which sold for \$227 million in late April compared to what it was bought for at \$273 million in 2005 - which is \$100 million below its assessed value of \$373.7 million; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Boston Policy Institute and Tufts University's Center for State Policy Analysis latest research also finds that due to the decreasing value of office spaces, there is now a potential shortfall of \$1.7 billion to \$2.1 billion in city revenue over the next 5 years. The Report also found that office values are likely to fall 35-45% from 2024 levels, which is far higher than the 20-30% decline anticipated from last year's findings (between \$1.2 billion - \$1.5 billion); *and*

- WHEREAS:** Commercial real estate executives in Boston have expressed serious concerns about the future of the city’s office space, and asked for assistance from local, state, and federal officials to play a key role in helping to bring more workers and foot traffic back Downtown. There are also continued concerns that falling commercial property prices would spike property taxes for residential homeowners; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, the City Council held a hearing on bringing back foot traffic by having in-person meetings for all City boards and commissions, as a way to both set an example and encourage all sectors to work with their employees to begin to shift to more in-person workdays, since our small businesses, restaurants, and retailers need to be supported by visitors to Downtown, and for it to have sustained value and prosperity. Since that time, only the Boston Planning Department monthly Board of Directors meeting has shifted to in-person meetings with a hybrid option for accessibility; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Having a vibrant Downtown is vitally important to the prosperity of our city and state, and Downtown residents, businesses and city officials all agree that higher foot traffic and healthy economic activity is much needed to restore confidence and improve public safety in the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Addressing our office vacancies is also a critical component to a revitalized Downtown, and filling office vacancies will also be important in ensuring the stability of our city’s tax base and budget; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission made up of business leaders, city and state officials and leaders, neighborhood advocates, and other relevant experts to study the impact of the office vacancies and recommend strategies to fill these vacancies, address city budget revenue, and ensure the long term vitality of our City and the whole region; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council works to address the office vacancies in the City of Boston, and that it sends its support in creating a blue ribbon commission in studying this issue, as well as other efforts in ensuring long term economic vitality of Boston.

Filed in City Council: June 11, 2025

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE & SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOME CARE WORKERS BARGAINING FOR A FAIR CONTRACT

WHEREAS, Home care workers are essential to the health and well-being of thousands of Boston residents, providing critical services that allow seniors and people with disabilities to remain safely in their homes and communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Home care workers deliver compassionate and professional care under often difficult conditions, despite being among some of the lowest paid in the healthcare industry; *and*

WHEREAS, Low wages and poor working conditions contribute to high turnover rates in the home care sector, undermining continuity of care for patients and increasing strain on the broader healthcare system; *and*

WHEREAS, Workers organized through SEIU 1199 Massachusetts and beyond are advocating for a fair contract that includes livable wages, improved benefits, and workplace protections that reflect the dignity of their work; *and*

WHEREAS, These workers, who are overwhelmingly women, people of color, and immigrants, deserve recognition, respect, and a meaningful voice in collectively bargaining for better conditions of employment; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston benefits when healthcare workers are fairly compensated and supported in their roles; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council go on record in support of home care workers organizing to secure a fair union contract, including higher wages, better benefits, and improved working conditions; and uplift all employers of home care workers who bargain in good faith and seek agreements that affirm the dignity and value of their workforce.



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE AS MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Mental health is increasingly recognized as being as important as physical ailments, and therefore, should be treated as such. Addressing mental health issues is part of the path forward to creating the healthiest possible community; *and*

WHEREAS, While everyone is at risk of mental health problems, statistics show men disproportionately suffer in silence. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, about 10% of all men experience some form of depression, but less than half seek treatment; *and*

WHEREAS, Men face many challenges regarding mental health. There is a distinctly detrimental stigma surrounding how men “should” behave, feel, and communicate. This often leads men to not seek the help they deserve; *and*

WHEREAS, These problems contribute to, and are exacerbated by other problems that our community faces such as violence and poverty. Mental health is intertwined with these larger issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Often, heavy male-dominated occupations have negative effects on mental health. Given that 91% of veterans are men, PTSD and other military-related problems are a significant cause, for example.

WHEREAS, Boston has a number of amazing organizations offering pivotal mental health resources such as the Roslindale Medical & Dental Center, Mattapan Community Health Center, The Home for Little Wonderers, Dee Dee’s Cry, Codeman Square Health Center, Men’s Hello House, and many more; *and*

WHEREAS, We should foster a culture that listens to and supports men when at their most vulnerable. Resources and time must be dedicated to solving this issue, as the health of our community depends on it; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council recognizes June as Men’s Mental Health Awareness Month, and urges prompt action in the passage of this legislation.

Filed on: June 11, 2025



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDED HYBRID WORK ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ROSEMARIE PESSIA DURING CANCER TREATMENT

WHEREAS, Rosemarie Pessia has served with distinction in the Inspectional Services Department since transitioning to a hybrid work model at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, During that period she was diagnosed with blood cancer that metastasized to her bones, and later underwent shoulder surgery to address cancer-related bone deterioration; and

WHEREAS, After exhausting her paid leave, Rosemarie took a one-year unpaid medical leave and—upon return—adopted a physician-supported hybrid work schedule: in-person Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, with remote work on the afternoons of those days and full remote work on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and

WHEREAS, This hybrid model accommodates ongoing treatments, including inpatient infusions and post-surgical recovery, which produce side effects such as fatigue, nausea, urgent physical needs, and frequent bathroom use that must be managed during work hours; and

WHEREAS, Rosemarie has performed all job duties fully and effectively under this work plan without disruption to departmental operations; and

WHEREAS, ISD Human Resources is now requiring her to return to a full-time, in-person schedule on Mondays and Fridays and half days in-person on Wednesdays—a schedule she can not maintain, despite no evidence of performance issues and without consideration of her medical accommodations; and

WHEREAS, Under Massachusetts and federal disability laws, as well as City policy, reasonable accommodations must be provided to employees with serious health conditions unless doing so causes undue hardship; abruptly rescinding this accommodation would violate those standards and endanger Rosemarie's health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boston City Council affirms its support for Rosemarie Pessia's continued ability to work under her existing hybrid schedule—until her medical team advises otherwise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council urges ISD and the City's Office of Human Resources to:

1. Formally document and maintain her hybrid work plan — Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings in-person work and remote afternoons, plus full remote Tuesdays and Thursdays—as reasonable and medically necessary;
2. Acknowledge her continued successful job performance under this schedule;
3. Confirm that no adverse employment action will be taken for relying on medically supported accommodation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Rosemarie Pessia
- Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department
- Director of Human Resources, City of Boston
- Office of Human Resources, City of Boston

to ensure immediate implementation and continued support of her medically endorsed work arrangement.

Filed in Council: June 11, 2025



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the June 11, 2025 Session

Sixty Day Orders¹

¹Section 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.*

Assigned for Further Action

Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements. (**Dockets #0828 - 0830**)

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

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 a head 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.

³***Section 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.

2025 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0154	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring NBA All-Star Weekend and the MLB All-Star Game to Boston.	1/8/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0156	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of cultural districts in Boston.	1/8/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0160	Worrell	Flynn, Mejia	Order for a hearing on a proposal for a Crispus Attucks statue.	1/8/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0479	Louijeune	Santana	Order for a hearing to update and replace Black Heritage Trail signage.	2/12/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0527	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BPS Sunday's Phase 2 Grant, awarded by the Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The program will fund the learning and evaluation components of the BPS Sundays pilot program.	2/26/2025		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0614	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish the Fairmount Avenue Arts and Cultural District in Hyde Park.	3/5/2025		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0476	Durkan	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing on Boston's distribution and implementation of COVID-19 relief funding and programs.	2/12/2025		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0482	Murphy		Order for a hearing to examine the impact of expiring COVID-related grant funding and other expenditures on City programs and staffing.	2/12/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0157	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/8/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0170	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss food access, sustainability, and the need for a food hub in East Boston.	1/8/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0257	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.	1/15/2025		

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City Services & Innovation Technology	0308	Pepén	Santana, Weber	Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0310	Pepén	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the establishment of a Mattapan Square Task Force for economic and cultural growth.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0314	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding fire emergencies and the creation of a Fire Victim Fund.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0316	Durkan	Pepén, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss a pilot program for waste containerization.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0324	Flynn	Anderson, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the notification process for abutters meeting in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0333	Santana	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms in City-owned buildings.	1/29/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0418	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.	2/5/2025	3/24/2025	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0552	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss current population projections and preparation for the 2030 decennial census.	2/26/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0554	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss public authority-ordered towing practices in the City of Boston.	2/26/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0692	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the role of artificial intelligence in improving city services and governance in the City of Boston	3/19/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0768	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss water and sewer infrastructure in Chinatown and the Leather District.	4/2/2025		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0772	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to assess and enhance the accessibility and safety of Boston's sidewalks for all residents.	4/2/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0168	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss a holistic vision for District Seven in order to redress historic racial harm and to uphold District Seven Constituents' Civil Rights.	1/8/2025		

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Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0172	Mejia	Louijeune, Anderson	Order for a hearing to address critical issues in jail-based voting and empower incarcerated communities to strengthen democracy.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0184	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0187	Louijeune	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0188	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/8/2025		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0890	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Immigrant Advancement Fund Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Immigrant Advancement. The grant will fund programs, initiatives, events and small grants that enable immigrants to play an active role in the economic, civic, social and cultural life of the City of Boston.	4/16/2025		
Education	0147	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address growing concerns over the White Stadium Project's costs, community input, and transparency.	1/8/2025		
Education	0149	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss BPS' plans to protect students during heat emergencies.	1/8/2025		
Education	0151	Worrell		Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/8/2025		
Education	0171	Coletta Zapata	Louijeune, Santana	Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum pilot program in Boston Public Schools.	1/8/2025		
Education	0182	Louijeune	Weber	Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.	1/8/2025		
Education	0235	Worrell	Murphy	Order for a hearing to examine Boston Public Schools' closures for 2026-27 and its long-term facilities plan.	1/8/2025		
Education	0265	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the preservation of historical artifacts in Boston Public Schools slated for closure or merger.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee

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Education	0267	Murphy	Flynn, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes.	1/15/2025	2/27/2025	
Education	0318	Flynn	Murphy, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss inancial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.	1/29/2025	9/25/2025	
Education	0334	Santana	Mejia, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss how Boston Public Schools can expand the use of evidence-based best practices for Inclusive Learning Environments for multilingual and special education learners.	1/29/2025		
Education	0339	Santana		Order for the Boston City Council to hold a series of Policy Briefings with Boston Public Schools leadership.	1/29/2025		4/10, 7/17/25-policy briefing
Education	0417	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools.	2/5/2025	9/25/2025	
Education	0551	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding expanding internship opportunities for students with disabilities in Boston Public Schools.	2/26/2025	9/11/2025	
Education	0694	Louijeune	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing on the creation of a Boston School Building Authority.	3/19/2025		
Education	0771	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the expansion of Boston Pre-K seats and the equitable distribution of City-funded seats across all neighborhoods.	4/2/2025		
Education	0905	Weber	Pepén, Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss the impacts of social media on Boston Public School students.	4/16/2025		
Education	0971	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' New Bus Ridership Policy.	4/30/2025		
Education	1101	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the hiring, training and compliance certification of BPS Bus Drivers.	5/21/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0155	Worrell		Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		

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Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0169	Coletta Zapata	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.	1/8/2025	3/31/2025	4/2/25-remains in committee
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0252	Flynn	Durkan	Order for a hearing to discuss expanding the urban tree canopy in District 2.	1/15/2025	5/9/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0260	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss the use of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	3/25/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0262	Durkan	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing to discuss the creation of a Parks Administrator for Downtown Parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square and Christopher Columbus Park.	1/15/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0315	Coletta Zapata	Weber	Order for a hearing to assess a ban on polystyrene products in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0424	Murphy		Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park.	2/5/2025	6/6/2025	
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0425	Murphy		Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces.	2/5/2025	6/6/2025	
Government Operations	0134	Worrell	Mejia	Ordinance to enhance driveway accessibility.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0135	Weber	Pepén, Santana	Ordinance to protect workers from heat-related illness and injuries in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		2/10, 4/11/25-working session, 2/12/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0136	Coletta Zapata	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance establishing street food enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of non-motorized street food carts.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0137	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.	1/8/2025		3/6/25-working session, 3/12/25-remanded back to committee
Government Operations	0138	Louijeune		Ordinance codifying the Office of Returning Citizens.	1/8/2025		

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Government Operations	0139	Weber	Mejia, Pepén	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	3/14/2025	
Government Operations	0140	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Ordinance establishing the Office of Inspector General within the City of Boston.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0141	Mejia		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1/8/2025		
Government Operations	0142	Murphy	Worrell, Flynn	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Increase its Residential Exemption.	1/8/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0145	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Petition for a Special Law Re: To establish the Commission of Inspectors General on Financial Management.	1/8/2025		6/5/25-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0249	Worrell	Coletta, Louijeune	Ordinance amending City of Boston Code 18-1.2B to make certificates of birth and death free.	1/15/2025		2/24/25-hearing canceled
Government Operations	0305	Fernandes Anderson		Ordinance and amendment to the Boston Municipal Code in regard to measuring racial equity in affordable housing.	1/29/2025		3/18/25-working session canceled, 3/19/25-remains in committee
Government Operations	0337	Murphy	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding the transition and operations of the new City Planning Department.	1/29/2025	3/25/2025	
Government Operations	0411	Pepén	FitzGerald	Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system.	2/5/2025		
Government Operations	0468	Worrell		Ordinance to Establish RISE: Reshaping Inequities through Systematic Empowerment.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0469	Murphy	Flynn	Petition for a Special Law Re: The Use of Nondisclosure, Confidentiality, and Other Employment Agreements in the City of Boston	2/12/2025	7/8/2025	
Government Operations	0470	Breadon	Louijeune, Pepén	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act requiring that broker fees in the City of Boston be paid by the party who solicits a licensed broker.	2/12/2025		
Government Operations	0549	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken.	2/26/2025	6/18/2025	

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Government Operations	0550	Flynn		Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Pension of Michael Sullivan.	2/26/2025	6/18/2025	
Government Operations	0613	Coletta Zapata		Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal.	3/5/2025	6/27/2025	
Government Operations	0765	Breadon	Louijeune, Mejia	Ordinance establishing a "Scofflaw Property Owner List."	4/2/2025		
Government Operations	0766	Breadon		Ordinance extending and enhancing protections for tenants facing displacement due to condominium or cooperative conversion in the city of Boston.	4/2/2025		
Government Operations	0900	Mejia		Ordinance creating a municipal identification card in the City of Boston.	4/16/2025		
Government Operations	0969	Mejia	Breadon, Santana	Ordinance establishing a Transgender, Gender-diverse, Intersex, and LGBTQIA2S+ Oversight Commission.	4/30/2025		6/5/25- hearing canceled
Government Operations	1059	Flynn		Ordinance Establishing A Road Safety and Community Engagement Commission to Regulate the Use of Bicycles, E-bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Motorized Scooters in the City of Boston.	5/14/2025		
Government Operations	1061	Louijeune	Breadon	Petition For A Special Law Re: An Act Relative To The Office of District Councilor In The City of Boston.	5/14/2025		
Government Operations	1187			Communication was received from the Elections Department pursuant to GL Chapter 53 Section 18A for your approval a citizen petition entitled "In the interest of government accountability, transparency, and accessibility, should the city of Boston establish a municipal independent Office of Inspector General" for the placement of a local nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot of the next regular municipal election, which will occur on November 4, 2025.	6/4/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0102	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Harvard Allston Brighton Fund grant, awarded by the Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the creation of affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.	3/27/2024		2024-0572

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Housing & Community Development	0158	Worrell	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to address problem properties in Boston.	1/8/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0178	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher program.	1/8/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0185	Louijeune	Fernades Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/8/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0251	Durkan	Santana, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to investigate the use, impact, and potential ban of algorithmic price setting in the Boston rental housing market.	1/15/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0259	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the elevators at the BHA Ruth Barkley apartments.	1/15/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0264	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing regarding strategies to expand homeownership programs in Boston.	1/15/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0327	Santana	Breadon, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.	1/29/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0329	Santana	Weber, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers.	1/29/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0474	Durkan	Santana, Breadon	Order for a hearing to assess the efficacy of the City of Boston Municipal Code's University Accountability Ordinance.	2/12/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0488	Fernandes Anderson		Resolution in support of establishing a community preference policy for affordable housing development to mitigate displacement in Boston neighborhoods.	2/12/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0769	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's report on Boston Housing Authority.	4/2/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0773	Breadon	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss legalizing mid-rise single-stair housing in the Massachusetts State Building Code.	4/2/2025		

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Housing & Community Development	0885	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY25 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund housing, economic development and social services program. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	4/16/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0886	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The will fund the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, and also provide operating support for community development corporations. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	4/16/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0888	Mayor		Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	4/16/2025		
Housing & Community Development	0889	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and shelter services. The award amount is estimated from prior years.	4/16/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0195	Flynn	Murphy	Resolution supporting Project Labor Agreements at White Stadium and all City of Boston construction projects valued at or more than \$35 million.	1/8/2025		

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Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0254	Worrell	FitzGerald, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.	1/15/2025	3/4/2025	3/5/25-remains in committee
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0323	Flynn	Pepén, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0328	Santana		Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of Youth Jobs offered by the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0416	Mejia	Weber	Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.	2/5/2025		
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0473	Weber	Mejia, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy.	2/12/2025	4/18/2025	
Labor, Workforce, & Economic Development	0693	Weber		Order for a hearing to explore how the City of Boston can hire laid-off federal workers.	3/19/2025		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0472	Flynn	Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the PILOT program in the City of Boston.	2/12/2025		
PILOT Agreements, Institutional & Intergovernmental Relations	0974	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing on fiscal transparency, equitable access, and Council oversight in the expansion of the Museum Access program.	4/30/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0124	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of J. Andres Bernal as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, for a term expiring July 1, 2027.	1/8/2025	6/10/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0161	Durkan	Santana	Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to remove parking minimum requirements for new development.	1/8/2025		1/28/25-hearing canceled
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0266	Flynn	Santana, FirzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and expanding the safety surge program in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	6/9/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0307	Pepén	Durkan, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.	1/29/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0309	Pepén	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to explore the creation of Safe School Zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025	4/3/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0311	Pepén	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.	1/29/2025	3/31/2025	4/2/25-remains in committee
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0319	Flynn	Mejia, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the proposed zoning amendment to remove the half mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0321	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0326	Mejia		Order for a hearing to examine accountability, transparency, and accessibility in administrative procedures for complying with Boston Landmarks Commission recommendations.	1/29/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0423	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.	2/5/2025	6/9/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0471	Flynn	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss requiring all micro-mobility devices to be licensed, registered and insured.	2/12/2025	2/20/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0477	Durkan	FitzGerald, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss contractor parking regulations, permitting, and enforcement in Boston.	2/12/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0478	Fernandes Anderson	Mejia	Order for a hearing to evaluate alternative options for the center running bus lane on Blue Hill Avenue and Columbus Avenue.	2/12/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0615	Flynn		Order for a hearing on regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) by the City of Boston and Boston Police Department.	3/5/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0648	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section 12 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws.	3/5/2025	6/18/2025	

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0695	Flynn		Order for a hearing to review the functionality of the Tremont Street Design Project in the South End.	3/19/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0720	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund safety design and construction in intersections to employ low-cost, high impact strategies through a safety and equity lens for Complete Street. The principle safety issues addressed are speeding, pedestrian crashes, as well as visibility issues.	4/2/2025	6/18/2025	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0727	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lisa Tharp as a Primary Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.	4/2/2025	6/10/2025	5/7/25-pulled from Green Sheet (remains in committee)
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0728	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Ellen Moore as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	4/2/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0729	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Katie Genovese as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.	4/2/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0730	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Garry Walling as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	4/2/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0731	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Patricia Tongue Edraos as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	4/2/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0767	Flynn	Murphy, FitzGerald	Order for a hearing to discuss transportation planning within the Article 80 Development Review Process.	4/2/2025		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0972	Weber	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss making neighborhood streets safer following the 30-day review of streets projects in Boston.	4/30/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0973	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss implementation of the seven nights per week Residential Parking Only Policy in South Boston.	4/30/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1018	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss repainting Summer Street Bus Lane.	5/7/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1058	Coletta Zapata		Ordinance expediting the review of coastal resilient projects by amending Article 25A, Resilience Review, in the zoning code of the City of Boston.	5/14/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1103	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the community engagement process for installing EV Charging Stations in the City of Boston.	5/21/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1131	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Emergency hearing order regarding traffic safety at the intersection of Dorchester Avenue, Roseclair Street & Mt. Vernon Street.	5/21/2025		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	1141	Durkan	Flynn, Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing to Evaluate Autonomous Vehicle Operations in Boston.	6/4/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0105	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Harry Shipps, as a member of the Audit Committee, for a term expiring November 9, 2029.	11/20/2024		(2024-1687), 3/13/25- hearing revised
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0173	Mejia	Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the distribution of local, state, and federal grants to small businesses.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0174	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0175	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's procurement processes, procedures and progress.	1/8/2025		

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Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0176	Mejia	Worrell, Anderson	Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.	1/8/2025	1/21, 1/22, 6/10/25	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0177	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the City of Boston's hiring, firing and promotion policies, practices and procedures.	1/8/2025	1/24/2025	
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0180	Worrell	Mejia	Order for a hearing regarding equity in City contracts.	1/8/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0415	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.	2/5/2025	3/20/25, 3/27/25	2/20, 3/10/25-hearing canceled
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0475	Fernandes Anderson		Order for a hearing to review and evaluate the Boston City Council's legislative impact on District 7 residents and its collaboration with the administration on projects in District 7 to identify areas for improvement.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0480	Mejia	Worrell	Order for a hearing to evaluate the year-to-date financial performance of the FY2025 operating budget.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0481	Mejia		Order for a hearing to audit the financial impact of the Boston Police Department's compliance with City of Boston code section 11-1.1.	2/12/2025		
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	1102	Murphy		Order for a hearing to review the management and oversight of the Boston Main Streets programs and the preliminary findings of the Wolf & Company audit.	5/21/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0100	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		2024-0286
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0306	Pepén	Louijeune	Order for a hearing on health access in Hyde Park.	1/29/2025	6/12/2025	3/20/25-hearing canceled
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0330	Santana	Breadon, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the city of Boston.	1/29/2025		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0331	Santana	Anderson, Weber	Order for a hearing regarding Boston LGBTQIA+ youth community spaces and their public health benefits.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0332	Santana	FitzGerald, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding Boston's LGBTQIA+ mental health data collection processes, existing services, and further community needs.	1/29/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0422	Murphy	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program.	2/5/2025	4/1/2025	3/13/25-hearing canceled, 4/2/25-remains in committee
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0858	Worrell	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss opioid-related overdose deaths in the older Black population in the City of Boston.	4/9/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0975	Breadon		Order for a hearing to discuss the availability of cooling centers in the city of Boston during extreme heat emergencies.	4/30/2025		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	1063	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Health Commission's "Health of Asian Residents in Boston" Report.	5/14/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0128	Flynn	Murphy	Communication was received from the Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.	1/8/2025	3/10/2025	3/6/25 hearing canceled, 3/12/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0153	Worrell	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to explore the summer community plan.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Murphy	Flynn, Pepén	Order for a hearing to discuss enhanced public safety measures during large events in Boston.	1/8/2025	1/28/25, 2/13/25	1/29/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Flynn	Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss 2024 crime statistics.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0167	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0186	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on a cross-sector collaborative citywide strategy for community safety and violence prevention.	1/8/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0256	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss discrepancies in Boston's 2024 detainer requests.	1/15/2025		3/6/25 hearing canceled

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0322	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.	1/29/2025	9/23/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0335	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.	1/29/2025	4/25/2025	3/17/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0336	Santana	Worrell, Flynn	Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.	1/29/2025		5/23/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0394	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,735,107.39) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.	2/5/2025	6/5/2025	4/3/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0412	Santana		Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston.	2/5/2025		3/18/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0413	Santana		Order for a 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.	2/5/2025	3/27/2025	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0414	Mejia	Louijeune, Pepén	Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.	2/5/2025	3/10/2025	3/12/25-remains in committee
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0421	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston.	2/5/2025	3/13/2025	

2025 Matters in Committee

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0847	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY25 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.	4/9/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0857	Santana	FitzGerald, Flynn	Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and public health updates related to the crises of mental health, substance use, and homelessness and housing instability concentrated in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.	4/9/2025		6/9/25-hearing canceled
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0893	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 for the CJP Communal Security Initiative, awarded by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the installation of CCTV cameras outside the Jewish institutions, to be monitored by the Police Department, in hopes of protecting faith based institutions.	4/16/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0903	Santana	Worrell	Order for the Boston City Council to hold a policy briefing on the public safety and criminal justice implementation and impacts in the City of Boston of the "Shield Law," known formally as "A Massachusetts Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Care".	4/16/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0978	Pepén		Order to adopt Chapter 270 of the Acts of 2024 regarding local law enforcement continuity between the City of Boston and the Town of Dedham.	4/30/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1017	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss establishing a drone policy in the City of Boston.	5/7/2025		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1062	Santana	Flynn, Louijeune	Order for a hearing regarding occupational cancer risks for Boston Firefighters, and programs the City of Boston offers or could offer for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.	5/14/2025		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	1133	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) in the form of a grant awarded by the Cummings Foundation. The grant will fund the City of Boston's violence prevention work including activations and events, community outreach, block parties and the Youth Options Unlimited program, and other efforts consistent with the City's summer safety plan and Plan to End Violence.	6/4/2025		
Rules & Administration	0162	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding the use of nondisclosure, confidentiality, and any and all other types of employment agreements	1/8/2025	1/31/2025	
Rules & Administration	0420	Santana		Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings.	2/5/2025		
Rules & Administration	0616	Murphy		Order for a hearing to discuss and establish guidelines for the filing and adoption of Council Resolutions.	3/5/2025		
Rules & Administration	0904	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss creating an Oversight Committee on Accountability and Compliance on the Boston City Council.	4/16/2025		
Rules & Administration	0976	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss adding State Oversight on Statement of Financial Interests (SFIs).	4/30/2025		
Rules & Administration	0977	Murphy		Order for a hearing regarding procedures following a vacancy in the office of District City Councilor.	4/30/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0150	Worrell	Louijeune, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review the distribution of Boston's 225 new liquor licenses and provide ongoing support to restaurateurs.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0152	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0159	Worrell		Order for a hearing to review and establish a "Business Owner 101" program for grant recipients.	1/8/2025		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0263	Durkan		Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a City Wide Merchandise Licensing Program.	1/15/2025		

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Small Business & Professional Licensure	0770	Louijeune	Weber, Pepén	Order for a hearing regarding support for Boston's Main Streets organizations.	4/2/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0183	Louijeune	Coletta Zapata, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding the City of Boston's response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and related resources for survivors.	1/8/2025	4/24/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0261	Weber	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to address programming needs for older adults in the City of Boston.	1/15/2025	3/28/2025	
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0268	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide.	1/15/2025	2/25/2025	2/26/25-remains in committee
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0317	Flynn	Mejia, Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss elderly scamming.	1/29/2025	2/13/2025	2/11/25-hearuing canceled
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0821	Murphy		Order for an emergency hearing to address incidents at The Future BOS Youth Jobs & Resource Fair and to reschedule the event promptly.	4/2/2025		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0892	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$137,753.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25/FY26 Retired Senior Volunteer Program grant, awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund administration for senior community service volunteers, including reimbursement for meals and travel expenses.	4/16/2025		
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0165	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the process of establishing Hero Squares in the City of Boston.	1/8/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0166	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss services for women veterans.	1/8/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0253	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veteran Services.	1/15/2025		3/21/25-heariung revised
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0255	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss new cancer presumptions announced by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.	1/15/2025	3/21/2025	

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Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0312	FitzGerald	Flynn, Murphy	Order for a hearing to establish a hometown military hero banner program.	1/29/2025	2/28/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0320	Flynn	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss the lung cancer rates among Black Veterans.	1/29/2025	3/21/2025	
Veteran, Military Families, & Military Affairs	0722	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$12,881.00) in the form of a grant, for the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will 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.	4/2/2025		
Ways & Means	0148	Worrell	Weber, Mejia	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget.	1/8/2025	2/18/25, 3/24/25	2/3, 2/24, 3/3/25-working session, 2/5, 2/26, 3/5/25-remains in committee, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled
Ways & Means	0179	Louijeune		Order for a hearing to discuss efforts to cancel medical debt.	1/8/2025		
Ways & Means	0250	Durkan	Coletta Zapata	Order for a hearing regarding the feasibility and impact of a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in Boston.	1/15/2025		
Ways & Means	0269	Murphy	FitzGerald, Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss residential property values and the assessing process.	1/15/2025	1/27/2025	1/29/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0325	Worrell	Weber	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's FY26 budget.	1/29/2025	2/18, 2/27, 3/24/25	2/10, 3/17, 3/26/25-working session, 2/13/25-hearing rescheduled, 2/12, 3/19/25-remains in committee
Ways & Means	0419	Flynn	Murphy	Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees.	2/5/2025		

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Ways & Means	0553	Breadon	Worrell, Mejia	Order for a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston.	2/26/2025		
Ways & Means	0828	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$266,100,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Department.	4/9/2025	See budget calendar	4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21/25-remains in committee, 6/4/25-first read
Ways & Means	0829	Mayor		Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$196,900,000.00) for various capital improvements purposes for the Boston Public Schools.	4/9/2025	See budget calendar	4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21/25-remains in committee, 6/4/25-first read
Ways & Means	0830	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of the foregoing.	4/9/2025	See budget calendar	4/16, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21/25-remains in committee, 6/4/25-first read
Ways & Means	1054	Mayor		Communication was received from Scott Finn, City Auditor, transmitting a list of FY25 reallocations made by the Mayor prior to April 15, 2025, for the purpose of continuing operations.	5/14/2025		
Whole	0181	Louijeune	Pepén, Murphy	Order for a hearing regarding voter accessibility and election preparedness.	1/8/2025		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Whole	0585	Murphy	Flynn	Order for an emergency hearing to discuss the state receivership of Boston Elections Commission.	2/26/2025	5/2/2025	
Whole	0911	Murphy		Resolution calling for the prompt scheduling of a special election to fill the vacancy in District 7.	4/16/2025		
Whole	1068	Murphy	Flynn	Resolution in support of ethical leadership and a Council vote on the status of Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson.	5/14/2025		

Official Resolution

presented by

**Boston City Councilor At-Large
Henry Santana**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Congratulations and Recognition to

Toy Burton

In recognition of:

The legacy you live every day, a legacy built on courage, compassion, and unwavering purpose. As the Founder and Executive Director of DeeDee's Cry, you've created a movement where none existed before: the first and only BIPOC-focused suicide prevention organization in Massachusetts. As a suicide attempt and loss survivor, a Roxburian, and a woman 26 years clean and sober, you lead with lived experience and deep empathy. You've transformed personal pain into collective healing, building programs like the L.O.S.S. Team and the Mental Health While Black Summit, and advocating for groundbreaking maternal mental health legislation. You've never waited for change, you've created it. Whether through support groups, outreach, or the Roxbury Unity Parade, your vision continues to unite, empower, and uplift. Your work breaks silence and stigma, and your voice gives others the courage to speak. With deep admiration and gratitude, thank you, Toy. You are a light in this world, and your legacy is saving lives.

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.

Resolution Recognizing Toy Burton and 3 other people at the 2025 Men's Mind, Body & Spirit Summit.

- Toy Burton
- Iymedu Kaalima
- Kurt Faustin
- Taniah Sheffield

Official Resolution

presented by

Councilor At-Large Henry Santana

in recognition of

Amanda Notarangelo

*Be It Resolved that the Boston City Council
extends its congratulations and best wishes for continued success; and
Be It Further Resolved that*

*Councilor Santana extends profound respect and appreciation for
your dedicated volunteer service in support of the 2025 Pride Celebration,
which has significantly contributed to the celebration's success and the
uplifting of the LGBTQIA2S+ community; and*

*Councilor Santana encourages you to continue to hold him and
the Boston City Council accountable to stand alongside
you in this work, and to take real, impactful action
for our 2SLGBTQIA+ community; and*

*Be It Further Resolved 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.*

Resolution Recognizing Amanda Notarangelo and 141 other organizations and individuals for their leadership and contribution to Santana's Pride events 2025										
1	Pride Sports Boston									
2	Q Calender									
3	Queer in Cannabis									
4	lesbos - boston's lesbian newsletter									
5	Stonewall Sports Boston									
6	Planning with a Scorpio									
7	Dyke Night									
8	QT Library									
9	Out in Design									
10	Pleasure Pie									
11	TQNC									
12	Dani's Queer Bar									
13	Out in Tech									
14	Dyke March									
15	Lavanda									
16	DotOUT									
17	Boston Gaymers									
18	Dignity Boston									
19	Boston Prime Timers									
20	New England Trans Sanctuary									
21	Out Charlestown									
22	Frolic									
23	Big Queer Food Fest									
24	Queer Run Club									
25	Boston Design Queers									
26	OUTbio									
27	City of Boston ERG									
28	Queer Muslims of Boston									
29	Kikipedia									
30	Boston Pride for the People									
31	Boston LGBTQ Museum									
32	Club Cafe									
33	The Alley Bar									
34	Moving Violations Motorcycle Club									
35	Femmechanics									
36	OUTnewcomers									
37	Help By AMG									
38	The Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence									
39	MassNOW									
40	Trans Emergency Fund									
41	BU Queer Activist Collective									
42	The Theater Offensive									
43	MRKH Organization									
44	Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition									
45	Chastity Bowick Consulting & Talent Group									
46	SpeakOut									
47	Pride & Plasma									
48	Greater Boston PFLAG									
49	Bisexual Resource Center									
50	Boston Foundation									
51	Mass Equality									
52	MAP for Health									
53	Trans Resistance MA									
54	GLAD Law									
55	Bridge Over Troubled Waters									
56	Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce									
57	Namesake									
58	Multicultural AIDS Coalition									
59	Boston Area Trans Support									
60	Gay for Good Boston									
61	Fenway Health									
62	COLAGE									
63	Northeastern LGBTQ Resource Center									
64	Queer Urbanistas									
65	New England Aces									
66	North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB)									
67	Mer-Made for Pleasure									
68	Queer History Boston									
69	Lavender Education									
70	Boston LGBTQ Museum of Art, History & Culture									
71	GLSEN									
72	Queer Artists & Players									
73	Boston Theatre Company									
74	Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth									
75	Boston GLASS									
76	BAGLY									
77	Wicked Queer Film Festival									
78	Boston Gay Men's Chorus									
79	Salman Khan									
80	Bryan Blaisdell									
81	Karen Akunowicz									
82	Tiffani Faison									
83	Brooke Pool									
84	Alex Shames									
85	Reverend Irene Monroe									

Official Resolution

presented by

**Boston City Councilor At-Large
Henry Santana**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Congratulations and Recognition to

Rosabelli Coelho

In recognition of:

Your outstanding contribution and commitment to develop bridges of friendship, collaboration, and partnerships between the U.S. and Brazil. Together with professors, students, researchers and institutions, addressing global challenges in technology, education, and social equity. And for your extraordinary leadership in MIT Brazil, and MIT Amazonia promoting sustainable development and climate resilience in the amazon region, which aligns with Boston's commitment to environmental stewardship.

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.

Official Resolution
of Councilor John Fitzgerald

***Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:***

Savin Hill Yacht Club

In Recognition of:

**Celebrating Their One Hundred and Fifty Year
Anniversary**

***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



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

Louise Bonar

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

SINCERELY,

Ruthyee Loujaume

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Alex Avintor
City Clerk

Presented By

Elizabeth Bresdon



City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

Councilor At-Large Henry Santana

in recognition of

Lu Agosti

Be It Resolved that the Boston City Council
extends its congratulations and best wishes for continued success; and
Be It Further Resolved that

Councilor Santana extends profound respect and appreciation for
your dedicated volunteer service and photography in support of the 2025
Pride Celebration, which has significantly contributed to the celebration's
success and the uplifting of the LGBTQIA2S+ community; and

Councilor Santana encourages you to continue to hold him and
the Boston City Council accountable to stand alongside
you in this work, and to take real, impactful action
for our 2SLGBTQIA+ community; and

Be It Further Resolved 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: *Ruthyee Loujaune*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Henry A. Santana*

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

Official Resolution

presented by

Councilor At-Large Henry Santana

in recognition of

Justin Liu

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and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.*

By: *Ruthyee Loujaune*
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Henry A. Santana*

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

Councilor Sharon Durkan

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Honors the Life and Legacy of:

Fran Gershwin

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Being a leader, advocate, and mentor whose lifelong devotion to environmental stewardship significantly shaped Boston's green spaces. As an educator and lawyer, she dedicated herself to public service and played a vital role in restoring the Muddy River, serving as chair of its Maintenance and Management Oversight Committee until 2022. With her leadership, neglected flood-prone areas were transformed into vibrant community assets, with citizens engaged as equal partners alongside the government. A passionate supporter of public parks, Fran was enthusiastic about expanding Boston's urban tree canopy and championing community initiatives, embodying her vision for a healthier, more sustainable city. This commitment not only preserved vital green spaces, but strengthened the bonds between communities and their natural surroundings. Known for her kindness, humility, and optimism, Fran's legacy continues to inspire those who knew her and the national movement for urban park advocacy.



By: Ruthzee Loujaune

Attest: Alex D'Amico

Offered by: Sharon Durkan

Date: June 5th, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY

Councilor Sharon Durkan

Be It Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Celebrates:

Charlesgate Alliance

IN RECOGNITION OF:

Their leadership in planting 14 new trees and two replacements in Charlesgate Park, seven of which are dedicated to Fran Gershwin of the MMOC, whose work continues to influence public green space initiatives throughout the City. This effort, made possible through collaboration with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, reflects the Alliance's enduring commitment to fostering community pride, advancing sustainability, and demonstrating environmental stewardship through meaningful action. Trees are essential to the health and livability of Boston's neighborhoods, as they provide shade, improve air quality, and enhance the well-being of those utilizing our public spaces. The Charlesgate Alliance's work represents a lasting contribution that will benefit visitors and residents of Kenmore for decades to come.



By: Ruthzee Loujaune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Stankovic
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Sharon Durkan

Date: June 5th, 2025

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Presented by

Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to

Susan Rolfe, RN

Curry College – Class of 2025
"Summa Cum Laude"

In Recognition of:

Your unwavering dedication to completing the requirements of your
Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Curry College's School of Nursing
and Health Sciences

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best
wishes for continued success and further declares **June 7, 2025**, as "**Susan
Rolfe Day**" in the City of Boston; 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: Ruthzee Louijeune
President of the City Council

Attest: Alex Guenther
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Ruthzee Louijeune

Date: 6/7/25

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:

BLACK SEED CAFE & GRILL

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award! Thank you for your long-standing contributions to the Downtown neighborhood. We commend your deep commitment to providing good food and service for all, and for being a reliable staple and partner in the Downtown neighborhood.

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: _____

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:

EMPATH ECONOMIC MOBILITY PATHWAYS

In Recognition of:

Your deep commitment to transforming people's lives through disrupting the cycle of poverty. We commend your steadfast work in providing services, advocacy, research and economic mobility coaching for residents in Boston. Thank you for the important role you play in creating lasting pathways to economic mobility for all.

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: _____

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:

ROSA SOBRADELO

IN RECOGNITION OF:

**Your 38 years of service at the City of Boston's Parking Department.
We honor and thank you for your tireless dedication to the residents of Boston. Your hard
work, integrity, commitment to your job has left an indelible impact on the Parking
Department and the community. Congratulations on your retirement!**

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: _____

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:

HALEY HOUSE

In Recognition of:

Your 20th Annual Block Party! Thank you for your tireless dedication to building community through food. We commend your mission to bring people together to break down barriers, empower individuals and strengthen neighborhoods. Thank you for your continued commitment to advocating for more affordable housing, urban agriculture, education and training.

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: _____

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:

JOVITA FONTANEZ

In Recognition of:

Your long-time service to Boston and the South End community as an activist leader and supporter of Haley House. We recognize your many years of public service, including serving as head of the Boston Election Commission under Mayor Flynn. We commend your deep commitment to the betterment of Boston's residents. Thank you for the indelible role you played in making Boston a better City for all!

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: _____

City of Boston

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OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

MAY'S CAKE HOUSE

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award! We commend your long-standing and deep commitment to providing delicious pastries, cakes and food for the Chinatown community. Thank you for creating community through food and for being a reliable staple in the Chinatown neighborhood.

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: _____
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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

DRYDOCK CAFE

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award!

Thank you for your long-standing contributions to the South Boston Waterfront community. We commend your dedication to creating delicious seafood and providing great service.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

BLACKSTONE/FRANKLIN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

In Recognition of:

Your steadfast advocacy and tireless dedication to the quality of life and wellbeing of the residents of the South End. Thank you for your commitment to improving and enhancing the social and cultural life of the South End, and for your important work to preserve the vibrant, diverse and historical character of the Blackstone/Franklin Square neighborhood. We commend your stewardship.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
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WORCESTER SQUARE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

In Recognition of:

Your steadfast advocacy and tireless dedication to the quality of life and wellbeing of the residents of the South End. Thank you for providing a forum for residents and neighbors of the South End to come together to discuss important issues and for your commitment to amplifying the voices of the Worcester Square area residents. We commend your stewardship of the Worcester Square neighborhood.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

CRUZ COMPANIES, INC

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award!

Thank you for your long-standing contributions to the City of Boston. We commend your family's continued dedication to the fields of construction, development and management for over 75 years, and for your commitment to old-fashioned quality work and integrity.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

JACQUES' CABARET

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award! Thank you for your long-standing and deep commitment to supporting the LGBTQ+ community through providing daily shows and service. We recognize your dedication to being the oldest continuously operating LGBTQ+ bar in Boston and commend your tireless contributions to Bay Village and the LGBTQ+ community.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

AMERICAN PROVISIONS

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award! Thank you for your long-standing contributions to the South Boston neighborhood. We commend your deep commitment to creating community through good food and service.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

JJ FOLEY'S CAFE

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award! Thank you for your long-standing and deep commitment to providing great food and exceptional service for residents and visitors. We recognize your family's tireless contributions to the South End community and to the City of Boston.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

PEACH FARM RESTAURANT

In Recognition of:

Congratulations on receiving the Legacy Business Award! We commend your long-standing and deep commitment to providing delicious seafood and Chinese cuisine for residents, visitors, and the Chinatown community. Thank you for your hospitality and for creating community through food.

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Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
Extends its Recognition to:

EAST BERKELEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

In Recognition of:

Your steadfast advocacy and tireless dedication to the quality of life and wellbeing of the residents of the South End. Thank you for providing a forum for residents and businesses of East Berkeley to come together to discuss important issues and for your commitment to sharing information and connecting neighbors. We commend your stewardship of the East Berkeley neighborhood.

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Official Resolution

Presented by Councilor At-Large Erin J. Murphy

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council extended its Congratulations to:

Mrs. Olivia Cichon

In Recognition of:

Her many years as the music theatre teacher at the Warren-Prescott, where her dedication and creativity brought unforgettable school plays to life, enriching our students' lives and strengthening community bonds. Under her leadership, generations of children discovered voice, confidence, teamwork, and a love for the arts—gifts that will stay with them for a lifetime. Though Olivia is moving on, her legacy endures in the countless performances that united our school and reminded us all of the power of music, storytelling, and shared joy.

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 a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.