



March 04, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 12:11 P.M.

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

Reverend Dr. Arlene O. Hall, Deliverance Temple Worship Center, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the February 25, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

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- 0463** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center (MassCEC) in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$1,519,383.00) for construction work related to improving HVAC systems at the Otis School in East Boston. On motion of Councilor Coletta Zapata, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0464** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) in the form of a grant, The Obama Foundation Grant, awarded by The Obama Foundation to be administered by the Office of Black Male Advancement. The grant would fund educational achievement, workforce readiness, safety, mentorship, and other locally defined priorities that contribute to long-term success for boys and young men of color. On motion of Councilor Culpepper, the rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Durkan).
- 0465** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Gayana Daniel as ex-officio member of the Task Force on Literacy Rates, effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- 0466** Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City from Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:30 P.M., returning Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.
Placed on file.
- 0467** Communication from Councilor Louijeune regarding equity in tourism.
Placed on file.
- 0468** Communication from Councilor Murphy clarifying Women's History Month resolution.
Placed on file.

- [0469](#) Communication from Councilor Murphy, request for immediate briefing on recent school safety incidents.
Placed on file.
- [0470](#) Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding the temporary suspension of concurrent phasing traffic signals in the days and weeks following significant snowstorms.
Placed on file.
- [0200](#) Order for a hearing on BPS staffing program impacts.
Remains in the Committee on Education.
- [0202](#) Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY27 operating budget.
Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.
- [0270](#) Order for a hearing to explore snow removal relief and options.
Remains in the Committee on City Services.
- [0285](#) Order for a hearing regarding navigating city services for residents with complex family and caregiving needs.
Remains in the Committee on Human Services.
- [0291](#) Order for a hearing to discuss creation of a snow corps in Boston.
Remains in the Committee on City Services.
- [0292](#) Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston purchasing snow melters.
Remains in the Committee on City Services.
- [0471](#) **Councilor Culpepper, Pepén, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for hearing to examine options to extend and fund the fare-free bus program for routes 23, 28, and 29.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- [0472](#) **Councilor Santana, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** 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.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- [0473](#) **Councilor Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine treatment-centered policy approaches to address substance use disorder, homelessness, and civil rights issues in the Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard area.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Flynn and FitzGerald as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.

- 0474 Councilor Durkan, Breadon, Santana, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine potential reforms to the Massachusetts State Building Code to allow for mid-rise single stair buildings.
On motion of Councilors Durkan and Breadon, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Santana as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0475 Councilor Murphy, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the application and intent of Rule 15.
Referred to the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration.
- 0476 Councilor Santana, Flynn, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.
On motion of Councilor Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Flynn and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0477 Councilor Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to conduct a comprehensive review of Boston's Anti-Displacement Action Plan.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Santana as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0478 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding recent juvenile weapon incidents and school safety coordination.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0479 Councilor Culpepper, Worrell, Pepén, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to expand the eligible location of off-site affordable housing units under the Inclusionary Development Policy.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Worrell and Pepén as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0480 Councilor FitzGerald, Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to retail zoning.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

- 0481 Councilor Worrell, Culpepper, FitzGerald and Flynn offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to Article 37 of the Boston Zoning Code "Green Buildings and Net Zero Carbon", to expedite and lower costs for development processes.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Culpepper and FitzGerald as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0482 Councilor Pepén, Durkan, Culpepper, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the work of Public Works employees during recent snow storm emergencies.
On motion of Councilor Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Durkan and Culpepper as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Pepén, Durkan and Culpepper, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0483 Councilor Culpepper and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution urging the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the City to cancel proposed center running bus lanes as part of the Blue Hill Avenue transportation plan project and reallocate funds dedicated for the center running bus lanes to fund the continuation of the fare-free bus program.
Objection by Councilor Pepén.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0484 Councilor Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 8, 2026 as International Women's Day.
On motion of Councilors Durkan and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted
- 0485 Councilor Durkan, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution declaring March 17, 2026 as "Boston Fleet Olympic Medalist Day" in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilors Durkan and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell),
- 0486 Councilor Santana, Culpepper, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of ending health disparities impacting the Black community in Boston.
On motion of Councilor Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Culpepper and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Santana, Culpepper, and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell),

- 0487 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution expressing support for active duty service members and their families.
On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Santana as an original co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Murphy, Flynn and Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell),
- 0488 Councilor Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of the MBTA including sidewalk snow clearance in its upcoming commuter rail operator contract.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0489 Councilor Worrell, Flynn, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 5th as Crispus Attucks Day in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Flynn and Mejia as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Worrell, Flynn, and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell),
- 0490 Councilor Flynn, FitzGerald, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of the temporary replacement of concurrent pedestrian phasing traffic signals following snowstorms.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the resolution was not adopted; yeas 4 (Flynn, FitzGerald, Murphy, Worrell), present 9 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber).
- 0491 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the use of \$558.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the City of Boston.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 4/26 Legislative Calendar for March 4, 2026.**
- 0356 Councilor Santana called Docket #0356, Resolution in support of "An Executive Order to Protect Bostonians from Unconstitutional and Violent Federal Operations", from the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.**
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.
The report was accepted; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta, Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0424 Councilor Breadon called Docket #0424, Resolution recognizing Women's History Month and the Boston City Council Women's History Month Celebration, from the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Administration. No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body. The report was accepted; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, one late filed matter would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matter was added:

0499 Communication was received from Councilor Culpepper regarding the proposed implementation of center-running bus lanes. Placed on file.

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

0492 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing John Currier.

0493 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Adam Dworanski.

0494 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Joel Taylor.

0495 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Beverly Christins.

0496 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Frankel Aurelien.

0497 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Joseph Burke.

0498 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution celebrating The Mission Grammar School Groundbreaking.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:22 P.M. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Mary Reardon, Mary B. (McColgan) O'Toole, Richard Kanaskie, Mrs. Marie Dumornay, and David Lee, to meet again on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk