



**April 15, 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, April 15, 2026 at 12:13 PM.

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

Rabbi Yitzhak Aharon Korff, Chaplain of the City of Boston, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the April 8, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

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- 0792** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston, acting through its Mayor's Office of Housing, to apply for, and to accept and expend, the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in an amount not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). These funds will be used to support programs that provide services and housing to persons experiencing homelessness.  
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0793** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, FY26 Earmark for Four Corners, awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund support of Police overtime for visible patrols in the Uphams Corner, Bowdoin Street, Geneva Avenue, Grove Hall, Washington Street (Four Corners), Old Road, Blue Hill/Columbia in the Dorchester and Roxbury sections of the City of Boston.  
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0794** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, FY26 Earmark for Area A-1 District, awarded by MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund the purchase of ADA-compliant barriers within the Area A-1 District.  
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.

- 0795** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Four Dollars And Thirty-Nine Cents (\$45,804.39) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Municipal Road Safety Grant, awarded by United States Department of Transportation, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicles laws, including but not limited to, speeding and aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving and occupant protection, as well as traffic safety equipment.  
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0796** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of David Sampson as an Alternate Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2030.  
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0797** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Robert Weintraub as a Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2029.  
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0798** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of David Dixon as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2028.  
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0799** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Kirsten Hoffman as an Alternate Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.  
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0800** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kirsten Hoffman as a Member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.  
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0801** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Danny Best, Darlene Lombos, Erin Travassos, Greg Janey, Harneen Chernow, Jill Reynolds, Joan Phillips, Kenzie Bok, Kevin Churchwell, MD, Kristin Driscoll, Michelle Auchincloss, Michael Firestone, Rory Dugan, Sacha Stadhard, Sharon Scott-Chandler, Eustacia Reidy MacNaught, and Tony Teta to the Boston Private Industry Council, Boston's MassHire Workforce Board, effective April 9, 2026.  
Placed on file.
- 0802** Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City from Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., returning Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.  
Placed on file.
- 0803** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 regarding action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of March 4, 2026.  
Placed on file.

**0804** Communication was received from the City of Boston's Coordinated Response Team regarding an update on ongoing efforts to end outdoor substance use in Boston and connect individuals to treatment and recovery programs.  
Placed on file.

**0805** Communication was received from Councilors Murphy and Flynn clarifying their request for an independent performance audit of city operations.  
Placed on file.

**0806** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding outgoing ARPA funds to nonprofits and small businesses in the City of Boston.  
Placed on file.

Councilor Coletta Zapata, on behalf of the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following:

**0163** On the Petition, referred on January 28, 2026, Docket #0163, for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Real Estate Transfer Fees and Senior Property Tax Relief, the committee submitted a report recommending that this petition ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the petition was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), nays 2 (Flynn, Murphy).

**0755** On the message and ordinance, referred on April 8, 2026, Docket #0755, establishing a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 44 s. 53E1/2, to support the establishment and operation of the bikeshare program within the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report that the ordinance ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the ordinance was passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), nays 1 (Flynn).

**0218** Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of the Boston Residents Jobs Policy in improving equity and employment standards on projects throughout the city.  
Remains in the Committee on Labor and Economic Development.

Councilor Santana, on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, submitted the following:

**0320** On the message and order, referred on February 11, 2026, Docket #0320, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$577,500.00) in the form of a grant, the FY25 Port Security Grant Program, awarded by United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund the purchase of a new 31' LifeProof boat, the replacement of engines on the 31' Safeboat and 38' Safeboat, and finally, the re-collaring of the Kvichak patrol boat, and ice rescue training, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

**0476** Order for a series of hearings regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Police Department.  
Remains in the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.

**0759** On the message and order, referred on April 8, 2026, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Forty Dollars and Seven Cents (\$10,925,140.07) in the form of a grant, FY26 Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS) Grant Program, awarded by United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant would fund increasing BPD's ability to detect, identify, track and monitor unmanned aircraft systems within the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), present 1 (Mejia).

Dockets #0733-0735, Orders for the FY27 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

Councilor Weber, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following:

**0763** On the message and order, referred on April 8, 2026, Docket #0763, for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) a Statement of Interest for Melvin H. King South End Academy, located at 90 Warren Ave in the South End of Boston. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies and the priority categories for which the City of Boston may be invited to apply to the MSBA in the future, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

**0807** **Councilor Worrell, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Ordinance to Address Private Way Potholes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

**0808** **Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Ordinance Establishing a Minority Business Enterprise Procurement Readiness Pilot Program.

On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors.

Councilor Culpepper moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Durkan. Motion prevailed.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

**0809 Councilor Durkan, Santana, Breadon, Culpepper, Louijeune, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for a Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to parking minimums for residential development.

On motion of Councilors Durkan and Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Breadon as an original co-sponsor.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

**0810 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss workforce pipeline opportunities between the Wentworth Institute of Technology and the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department.

Referred to the Committee on Labor and Economic Development.

**0811 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review animal control enforcement, leash law compliance, dog licensing, and public safety in the city of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on City Services.

**0812 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Mejia, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston's alleged noncompliance and lack of transparency in the use of federal funds.

Referred to the Committee on Post-Audit.

**0813 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss gambling and predatory marketing in Chinatown.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.

On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Docket #0815 was taken out of order:

**0815 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the release of certain body-worn camera footage from the Boston Police Department.

Councilor Culpepper moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Durkan. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Councilor Culpepper, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.

**0814 WITHDRAWN**

**0816 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to mopeds and e-bikes in Boston. On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.

**0817 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to the City of Boston's insurance and liability coverage.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.

- 0818 Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of upholding the democratic principle of no taxation without representation.  
On motion of Councilor Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0819 Councilor Mejia, Culpepper, Breadon, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of administrative transparency, equitable student and community representation, and freedom of speech in higher education.  
On motion of Councilors Mejia and Culpepper, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0820 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day.  
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0821 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week.  
On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0822 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Santana, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.  
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 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0823 WITHDRAWN**

- 0824 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of renaming Ruggles Station to honor a figure reflective of Boston's values.  
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors.  
Councilor Culpepper moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Durkan. Motion prevailed.  
On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Mejia, and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0825 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution opposing the proposed \$1,000 cap on MassHealth adult dental benefits.  
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 0826 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for the appointment of central staff employees in City Council, effective April 18, 2026.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0827 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Briyana Targete in City Council, effective May 16, 2026.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0828 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Andrew Gomes in City Council, effective May 30, 2026.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0829 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Chrisnel Pena in City Council, effective April 18, 2026.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0570 Councilor Weber called Docket #0570, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Twenty Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,200,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: Adams Elementary School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools, from the Committee on Ways and Means.**  
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.  
On motion of Councilor Weber, the order was read a second time and again passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).

**0571** Councilor Weber called Docket #0571, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the heat pump conversion and roof replacement projects at the following schools: Margarita Muñiz Academy, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, and Orchard Gardens School. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools, from the Committee on Ways and Means.

No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.

On motion of Councilor Weber, the order was read a second time and again passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Coletta Zapata).

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, eight late-filed matters would be added to the Agenda. Objection by Councilor Durkan.

Councilor Durkan moved to divide the question. Seconded by Councilor Breadon.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, six late-filed matters would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matters were added:

**0844** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Pepén offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Sean Jacobsen and Kiara Barros Delgado in City Council, effective April 25, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

**0845** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Mariana Ocariz in City Council, effective April 18, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

**0846** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Carly Moran in City Council, effective May 2, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

**0847** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Danielle Rones in City Council, effective May 9, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

**0848** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Regan Hegarty in City Council, effective May 23, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

**0849** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Sarah Foley in City Council, effective June 13, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

A roll call was taken to approve the above Personnel Orders: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 2 (Coletta Zapata, Mejia)

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, two late-filed matters would be added to the Agenda. Objection by Councilor Durkan.

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

- 0830** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Sonia Lyle.
- 0831** Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Tereza Mendes Ribeiro.
- 0832** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Saint Botolph Neighborhood Association.
- 0833** Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution in memory of Anna Mae Cole.
- 0834** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution in memory of Joseph "Joe" Zuccarini.
- 0835** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing the New England Center for Arts and Technology.
- 0836** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston's Higher Ground.
- 0837** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing 826 Boston.
- 0838** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Nancy Metayer.
- 0839** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Claudette Mentor.
- 0840** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Joey Key.
- 0841** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Marie Dumornay.
- 0842** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Louise Davis.
- 0843** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Edner Guerrier.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:27 p.m. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Doris Elaine, Adele Barden, Glady Baptiste Ojimbe, Jie Pan, Andrés Méndez, Martin Richard, Lingzi Lu, Krystle Campbell, Sean Collier, Dennis Simmonds, and Geraldine Miller to meet again on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Dassie Bheecham  
Assistant City Clerk