



September 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 12:05 P.M.

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

Bishop Homicil, Voice of the Gospel Tabernacle, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the August 27, 2025, meeting.
Motions prevailed.

1619 Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Fifty-Five Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$55,899,118.00) to provide funding the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for the FY26 impact of increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston Public School Committee and the Boston Teachers Union.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on September 8, 2025.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Durkan, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

1620 Message and order a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools for FY26 in the amount of Fifty-Five Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$55,899,118.00) to cover the impact of FY26 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston Public School Committee and the Boston Teacher's Union. The term of the contract is September 1, 2024 through August 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include general wage increases of 2.5%, 2%, and 2% in September of 2024, 2025, and 2026. The Paraprofessionals and ABA's will also receive market rate adjustments. The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Durkan, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

1621 Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars (\$1,285,033.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Library Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the AFSCME, Local 1526.

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on September 8, 2025.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Durkan, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

- 1622** Message and order a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Library Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars (\$1,285,033.00) to cover the FY26 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and AFSCME, Local 1526. The terms of the contracts are October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 and October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$800 and \$175 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. The agreement also includes the addition of a prepaid legal benefit as well as changes to Sunday overtime for certain positions.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Durkan, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 1623** Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars (\$51,404.00) to provide funding for the Parks Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Park Rangers' Association (BPRA).
Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on September 8, 2025.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Durkan, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 1624** Message and order a supplemental appropriation order for the Parks Department for FY26 in the amount Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars (\$51,404.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the Boston Park Rangers' Association (BPRA). The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 and July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$900, and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. The agreement also includes amended language around sick and bereavement leave.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Durkan, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 1625** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,045,187.20) in the form of a grant, for the Youthworks FY25-26, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, passed through the Economic Development & Industrial Corporation of Boston, to be administered by Office of Youth Employment Office (OYEO). The grant will fund support youth employment and development in accordance with the requirement outlined in Youthworks program administration and management guide.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

- 1626** 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 Mayor's Office of Human Services' Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative, awarded by Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund an annual citywide activation summit for youth, host recurring professional development sessions and network convenings for youth workers and conduct a youth needs assessment.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1627** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Hector Sosa as Second Assistant Collector-Treasurer, effective August 30, 2025.
Placed on file.
- 1628** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Rachel Skerritt as a Member of the Boston School Committee for the remainder of a term expiring on January 1, 2028.
Placed on file.
- 1629** Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding pedestrian safety for the 2025-2026 school year.
Placed on file.
- 1630** Communication from Councilor Murphy regarding off-site council hearings.
Placed on file.

Councilor Weber, on behalf of the Committee on Labor, Workforce and Economic Development, submitted the following:

- 1349** On the message and order, referred on July 9, 2025, Docket #1349, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars Seventy-Six Cents (\$30,513.76) in the form of a grant for the ACLS grant, awarded by the MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will support efforts to work in partnership with local adult education programs to identify and develop career pathways opportunities for adult learners, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted, the order was passed.
- 1403** On the motion and order, referred on August 6, 2025, Docket #1403, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$136,722.35) in the form of a grant, from the Shelter Supplemental Funding Grant, awarded by the MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund MassHire Career Centers with supplemental funding to support emergency assistance (EA) shelter residents with training and employment opportunities, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted, the order was passed.

- 1405** On the message and order, referred on August 6, 2025, Docket #1405, 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 Northeastern and W. T. Grant Foundation Grant, awarded by the William T. Grant Foundation, passed through Northeastern University, to be administered by the OYEO Administration. The grant will fund OYEO staff member to design, implement, and maintain a new hiring platform for the City to support both the summer and year-round programs, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted, the order was passed.
- 1406** On the message and order, referred on August 6, 2025, Docket #1406, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Friends of Youth Opportunities Boston State Street Grant, awarded by the Boston State Street Global Advisors to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 14-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted, the order was passed.
- 1407** On the message and order, referred on August 6, 2025, Docket #1407, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Friends of Youth Opportunities Boston Grant, awarded by the Baupost Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund opportunities for young people ages 14-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted, the order was passed.
- 1408** On the message and order, referred on August 6, 2025, Docket #1408, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Three Cents (\$45,683.03) in the form of a grant, awarded by the USDA-Food & Nutrition Service, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund enhanced job search services for TAFDC and SNAP participants including career counseling, workshops, job fairs, and free job searches through Boston's MassHire Career Centers, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted, the order was passed.
- 1631** WITHDRAWN
- 1632** **Councilor Santana, Durkan, Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding legalizing Triple-Deckers and other 2- to 4-unit housing in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilors Santana and Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Pepén as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
Councilor Durkan moved reconsideration.
Motion prevailed.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

- 1633 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss retail theft and the impact on small businesses and residents in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure.
- 1634 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Louijeune, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding ongoing challenges with the City of Boston's oversight of short-term rentals.
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 1635 Councilor Pepén, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to evaluate the performance of BPS Transportation during the first few weeks of school.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 1636 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding the Boston Public Schools.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 1637 Councilor Santana, Weber, Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of fostering distraction-free learning environments and supporting student mental health in Boston Public Schools by establishing a District-wide "Bell-to-Bell" policy to support limited use of mobile phones and personal devices.
On motion of Councilors Santana and Weber, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Pepén as an original co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Santana, Weber and Pepén, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1638 Councilor Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Latino Heritage Month in the City of Boston from September 15 to October 15.
On motion of Councilors Mejia and Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Santana as an original co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Mejia, Pepén and Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Murphy).
- 1639 Councilor Santana, Weber and Pepén offered the following:** Resolution urging support for the 2026 Ballot Question on Rent Stabilization to Protect Tenants in Massachusetts.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 10/25 Legislative Calendar for September 10, 2025.**

1551 Councilor Weber called Docket #1551, 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 for the Impact Driven Collaborative Project Grant, awarded by Liberty Mutual Foundation Inc. to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the Boston Tree Equity Asset Mapping (BTEAM) project, in partnership with American Forest and Speak for the Trees. BTEAM aims to enhance urban forestry in Boston by identifying local collaborations and creating job opportunities in green infrastructure, from the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Weber, the order was passed.

1571 **Councilor Breadon, Mejia, Weber, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Councilor Weber called Docket #1571, Resolution in support of Mayor Michelle Wu's letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi, from the Committee on Civil Rights, Racial Equity and Immigrant Advancement. Objection by Councilor Flynn.
Committee members polled; yeas 5 (Weber, Pepén, Worrell, Santana, Mejia), nays 1 (Flynn), not present 1 (Murphy).
The matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilors Breadon, Mejia and Weber, the resolution was adopted; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Murphy).

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:

1649 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of central staff employees in City Council, effective November 15, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1650 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of City Council staff employees in City Council, effective September 13, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1651 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Charles Levin and Sydney Scanlan in City Council, effective September 6, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1652 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Ashley Lavey in City Council, effective September 20, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1653 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Pepén offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Sean Jacobson in City Council, effective September 8, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1654 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Elsa Flores in City Council, effective August 30, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

- 1640 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in memory James ‘Coach’ Younger.
- 1641 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Don Gillis, PhD.
- 1642 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Yolanda Cerullo.
- 1643 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Bill Bailey.
- 1644 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Maisha Kazi.
- 1645 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution declaring September 21, 2025 as "Centro Cultural Cubano Day" in the City of Boston.
- 1646 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the 2025 Southwest Boston CDC Green Team Program Summer Graduates.
- 1647 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Yanique Shaw.
- 1648 Councilor Weber and Pepén offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Mary "Maria" Musto Catalano.

The Chair stated in absence of objection, two late file matters would be added to the Consent Agenda. No objection heard, the following items were added:

- 1655 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Christ J. Stamatatos.
- 1656 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Nicholas Mitropoulos.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:42 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Professor Jeff Grey, Elizabeth Allison Clark-Donald, Juanita Mumford, Joana Cardoso, Gary Hammond, Christ J. Stamatatos, Nicholas Mitropoulos, Mary "Maria" Musto Catalano and Rita Mahoney to meet again on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk