



February 05, 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, February 5, 2025 at 12:04 P.M.

President Louijeune in the Chair. Absent Councilors Coletta Zapata and Worrell.

City Clerk Alex Geourntas delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the January 29, 2025 meeting. Motion Prevailed.

0393 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$2,563,236.28) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 State Elder Lunch Program Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals. Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.

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. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

0395 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the UCFC-Program, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture, passed through The Corps Network, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the historic workforce investment of boosting the City's tree cover in various neighborhoods. Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.

- 0396** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$775,855.00) in the form of a grant, for the 2025 Community Connections Program Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, passed through the Boston Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the replacement and electrification of Blue Bikes Stations and repurpose single space parking meter poles for 1600 with bicycle racks.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 0397** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$702,244.22) in the form of a grant, for the REDEA 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.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0398** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$626,466.57) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-in WIOA Dislocated Workers 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 program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0399** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$449,710.00) in the form of a grant, for the Boston MVP Action Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund building a database and map of current and projected flooding impacts, focusing primarily on storm water and riverine flooding.
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0400** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Funding, awarded by the MA Executive Office for Administrative & Finance to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund to support the Center for Working Families' Boston Tax Help Coalition in assisting low-income taxpayers with personal income tax filing for the 2024 tax session.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

- 0401** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$254,921.00) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Activities Admin 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 program that focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, between ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0402** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Creative Aging Program, awarded by Goddard House Assisted Living to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund bringing arts programming to older adults in Boston. The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0403** Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$109,271.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Worker Admin 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 individualized career services and training services, for dislocated workers to rejoin the workforce as early as possible and overcome barriers to employment. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0404** Message and orders authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$94,089.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office 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. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0405** 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 Friends of Youth Opportunity 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 12-24 to work and learn along with intensive staff support. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0406** Message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Certain Affordable Housing and Cultural Space in the Brighton Section of the City of Boston." Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0407 Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0408 Message and order for your approval an order confirming that Ringer Playground is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), for parks receiving aforesaid grant assistance. This confirmation is required to receive a grant awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to Ringer Playground located in the neighborhood of Allston-Brighton.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

0409 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of John Lydon as a Trustee of the South Boston Foundation, for a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Placed on file.

0410 Communication was received from Councilor Erin Murphy and Councilor Ed Flynn on Council Exclusion.

Placed on file.

Councilor Murphy, on behalf of the Committee on Strong Women, Families and Communities, submitted the following:

0109 On the message and order, referred on December 4, 2024, Docket #0109, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Nazzaro Community Center Renovation grant, awarded by the United States Department of Treasury, passed through the MA Executive Office of Economic Development, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund repairs and capital improvements to maintain current functionality and programming at the Nazzaro Community Center, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.

0111 On the message and order reoffered on December 4, 2024, Docket #0111, 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 Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

Councilor Louijeune, on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following:

0190 On the message and order referred on January 8, 2025, Docket #0190, to implement a nondisclosure agreement prohibition policy for Boston City Council, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass in a new draft.

The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft; yeas 11.

0148 Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' FY26 Budget. Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

- 0411 Councilor Pepén, FitzGerald, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Ordinance to establish a school bus violation detection monitoring system.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 0412 Councilor Santana, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Breadon and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding the public safety requirements and possible locations for a new Emergency Operations Center in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0413 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** 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.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0414 Councilor Mejia, Louijeune, Pepén, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Santana, Weber and Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.
On the motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Pepen as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0415 Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to audit the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
Referred to the Committee on Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility.
- 0416 Councilor Mejia, Weber, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing on workforce development housing for City of Boston employees.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0417 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Holocaust and Genocide Education in Boston Public Schools.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0418 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the South Boston Branch Library Study.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 0419 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss tax exemptions for long-term residents age 55 & above and essential municipal employees.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

- 0420 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore ways to increase community engagement and better facilitate public participation for Boston City Council Hearings.
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- 0421 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss public safety and police staffing in Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0422 Councilor Murphy, FitzGerald, Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program. On motion of Councilor Murphy, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors FitzGerald and Flynn as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 0423 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Pepén, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the effectiveness of speed humps in Boston.
On motion of Councilor Murphy, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Flynn and Pepen as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 0424 Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed White Stadium redevelopment on Franklin Park.
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0425 Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing on the environmental preservation of Boston's historical parks and green spaces.
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0426 Councilor Flynn, Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.
On motion on Councilors Flynn and Mejia the rules were suspended, resolution was adopted.
- 0427 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Reginald Stewart in City Council, effective February 10, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

- 0444** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Melissa Beltran, Clare Brooks, Mark A. Cohen, Bonnie Delaune and Jordan Frias in City Council, effective February 1, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0445** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Miles Starkey in City Council, effective February 10, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0446** Communication was received from Councilor Coletta Zapata regarding her absence from the February 5, 2025 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.
- 0447** Communication was received from Councilor Worrell regarding his absence from the February 5, 2025 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.
- 0103** Councilor Weber called Docket #0103, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$456,500.00) in the form of a grant, for FY25 MVP Action Grant, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environment Affairs to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the permit submittals for the project in FY26, with a goal of completing the MEPA permitting process and submitting permits to other applicable Local, State and Federal permitting agencies.
No objection heard, the matter was before the body.
On motion of Councilor Weber, the order was passed.
- 0118** Councilor Santana called Docket #0118, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$395,746.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, awarded by United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator, and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting, and record management systems.
No objection heard, the matter was before the body.
On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.
- 0119** Councilor Santana called Docket #0119, 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 FY22 COVID-19 SA/DV Trust Fund, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two full-time Domestic Violence advocates who will work with social services agency partners at the Boston Public Health Commission Family Justice Center.
No objection heard, the matter was before the body.
On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.

0239 Councilor Santana called Docket #0239, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Training Academy Earmark, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services.

No objection heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.

0240 Councilor Santana called Docket #0240, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend for the benefit of the City of Boston, a donation from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Radiological Security (ORS) of 2024 GMC Sierra 4WD Crew Cab Pickup valued at Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (\$60,233.00). The truck will be used as a Radiological Security Awareness and Response (RSAR) support truck and will allow the Boston Police Department to continue the sustainment of RSAR training programs.

No objection heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.

0104 Councilor Fernandes Anderson called Docket #0104, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$305,600.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in the City of Boston.

No objection heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the order was passed.

5/25 Legislative Calendar for February 5, 2025.

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

0428 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Jeff Flagg.

0429 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Jeremiah Program.

0430 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Sugeily Santos

0431 **Councilor Santana and Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing El Grupo de Baile Juvenil Calife and 6 other community members.

0432 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Yankee Dental Congress.

0433 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing St. James the Greater Church.

0434 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Newton Chinese Language School.

- 0435** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England.
- 0436** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Senior Pastor Reverend Daniel Chan.
- 0437** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Walter Preble.
- 0438** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- 0439** **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Drawdown Brewery.
- 0440** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jessica Azurdia.
- 0441** **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Propa City Community Outreach.
- 0442** **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jane E. Kennedy.
- 0443** **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Mary Theresa (Doyle) Honan.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:19 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Mary Theresa (Doyle) Honan, Robert "Bob" Terrell, Mary Costello Fenton, those we lost on American Airlines Flight 5342 and Aphrodite "Ethel" Lambros to meet again on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk