



March 18, 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 18, 2026 at 12:14 PM.

President Breadon in the Chair. Present Councilors Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, 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 March 11, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

0567 Message and order for your approval an order to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Thirty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$33,759.00). This Order is necessary to provide funding for the Property Management Department for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 174.

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On motion of Councilor Weber, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0568 Message and order for a supplemental appropriation order for the Property Management Department for FY26 in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$33,759.00). This Order is necessary to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Boston and New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 174. The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 and July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contracts include a market rate adjustment to wage scales, effective July 2025, as well as increases to the detail rate.

On motion of Councilor Weber, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0569 Message and order approving an appropriation of Thirty-Two Million, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$32,600,000.00) from Fiscal Year 2026 community preservation fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”). The upcoming projects will aim to improve the quality of life across Boston neighborhoods. Plans include renovating playgrounds and enhancing or creating recreational spaces such as parks, community gardens, and urban farms. In addition, these projects will plant trees to grow the city’s tree canopy, preserve historic buildings and artifacts, support a program for affordable first-time home buyers and construct new affordable housing units for residents. Together, these efforts are expected to deliver a meaningful and lasting positive impact on Boston’s neighborhoods and communities.

Referred to the Committee on Community Preservation Act.

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.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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 window and door replacement projects at the following schools: Margarita Muniz Academy, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 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.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

0572 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$256,500.00) in the form of a grant, the Community First Partnership Grant, awarded by Mass Save to be administered by the Environment. The grant would fund outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to drive increased awareness and measurable participation in energy efficiency programs.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0573 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, FY26-Earmark - West End, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the West End neighborhood.

On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

- 0574** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, FY26-Earmark - East Boston, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the East Boston neighborhood. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0575** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the form of a grant, FY26-Earmark - Dorchester, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the Dorchester neighborhood. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0576** 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 - South End, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the South End neighborhood. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0577** 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 - Roxbury and Dorchester, awarded by MA Office of Travel & Tourism to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant would fund older adult programs in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0578** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$38,229.30) in the form of a grant, the State Literacy Program Grant, awarded by MA Department of Education to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant would fund the infrastructure costs for the Adult Community Learning Services at the MassHire Career Centers. On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0579** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Andrea Lane Hennelly as Executive Director of People and Culture of the Office of Human Resources, effective January 24, 2026. Placed on file.
- 0580** Notice was received from Eneida D. Tavares regarding her resignation as Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, effective January 30, 2026. Placed on file.

- 0581** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn requesting early street sweeping following the Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston.
Placed on file.
- 0582** Communication was received from Ashley Groffenberger, Chief Financial Officer and Collector Treasurer, regarding recent developments in the collective bargaining process.
Placed on file.
- 0281** Order for a hearing to discuss pest control and the discovery of leptospirosis in the City of Boston.
Remains in the Committee on City Services.
- 0199** Order for a hearing on government accountability, transparency, and accessibility of decision making protocols in city government.
Remains in the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0205** Order for a hearing to review construction costs associated with the White Stadium project.
Remains in the Committee on Post-Audit.
- 0583** **Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Culpepper, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Home Rule Petition for an Act Relative to Voting For All Legal Residents in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 0584** **Councilor Culpepper, FitzGerald, Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine telehealth access and digital health equity in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors FitzGerald and Durkan as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 0585** **Councilor Culpepper, FitzGerald, Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine access to primary care physicians in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors FitzGerald and Durkan as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 0586** **Councilor Culpepper, Murphy, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review discrepancies between market value and tax assessed value for residential properties in the City of Boston and to evaluate the City's tax assessment practices.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Murphy and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0587** Order for a hearing to review administrative transparency, equitable student representation, and student freedoms in higher education.
Referred to the Committee on Education.

- 0588 Councilor Durkan, Pepén, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss City of Boston transportation philosophy and status of infrastructure projects.
On motion of Councilor Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Weber as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0589 Councilor Breadon, Pepén, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the status of state and federal funding allocated for transportation and streets projects.
Councilor Coletta Zapata in the chair.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0590 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Culpepper, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review nightlife industry safety training and the role of the Office of Nightlife Economy.
Councilor Breadon in the chair.
On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Culpepper as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0591 Councilor Murphy, FitzGerald, Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review funding, reimbursement, and accountability for police overtime details in the City of Boston.
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 Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0592 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of the FIFA World Cup fan marches on basic city services.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.
- 0593 Councilor Flynn, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to requiring on-site affordable housing in PLAN: Downtown.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0594 Councilor Worrell, Culpepper, Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code to establish Boston Investment Zones: An Anti-Displacement Tool.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Culpepper and Coletta Zapata as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

0595 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the City of Boston's efforts to address drink spiking and drug-facilitated sexual assault in nightlife establishments, including safety training programs, prevention initiatives, communications with licensed venues, and the status of records maintained by the City regarding these efforts.

On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.

0596 Councilor Culpepper, Worrell, Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following: Resolution in support of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act.

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

On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Worrell, and Pepén, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0597 Councilor Durkan, Pepén, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing March 18, 2026 as "Transit Driver Appreciation Day" in the City of Boston.

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

On motion of Councilors Durkan, Pepén, and Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0598 Councilor Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing the 40th Anniversary and naming March 18, 2026, "Boston Groundwater Trust Day" in the City of Boston.

On motion of Councilor Durkan, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0599 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution against the approval and construction of additional roof decks in residential areas of South Boston.

Objection by Councilor Mejia.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

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

0600 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution in memory of James "Jim" McIsaac.

0601 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Lynda Hosea.

0602 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Marianne Curley.

0603 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mary Doherty.

- 0604** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Lynch Family.
- 0605** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ni Lun Welfare Association.
- 0606** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mr. Takahashi Seiichiro.
- 0607** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing 12 South Boston Citizens' Association Scholarship Poster Contest finalists.
- 0608** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution in memory of Anibal Montañez and Alex D. Santiago Sierra.
- 0609** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Khalid Jama and Polly Doogue.
- 0610** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing 5 individuals for completing the Entrepreneurship Apprenticeship Practicum.
- 0611** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Robert Sullivan.
- 0612** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kurt Edwin Okraku.
- 0613** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Robbyn Paradis.
- 0614** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Anita Maxineau.
- 0615** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Otto Addo.
- 0616** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Anthony Amoah.
- 0617** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in memory of Taylor Wornum, Jr.
- 0618** Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution in memory of Philbert Roland Cummings.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:06 p.m. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Anita Maxineau, Sincere Allah, Philbert Roland Cummings, Edmund "Ricky Gill" Guillory, Mark Harris, Rico Reece, Dan McCole, Alexander Nguyen, and Dr. Brenda Gael McSweeny to meet again on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk