



February 11, 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, February 11, 2026 at 12:11 PM.

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

Reverend Reginald Smalls, Bethel Pentecostal Church, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the February 4, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

0320 Message and order 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.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.

0321 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$140,426.00) in the form of a grant, the FY25 Port Security Grant, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund strengthened port-wide risk management and protection of critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.

0322 Communication from Councilor Coletta Zapata regarding the Boston Logan International Airport 2023/2024 Environmental Data Report (EEA #3247). Placed on file.

0323 Communication from Councilor Murphy re: Public access to City Council working sessions and hearings.

Placed on file.

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

0128 On the message and order, referred on January 28, 2026, Docket #0128, authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Edward Everett Elementary School and the Richard J. Murphy K-8 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, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to be read once and passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Mejia). Assigned for further action.

0129 On the message and order, referred on January 28, 2026, Docket #0129, authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the roof replacement projects at the following schools: the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School and Hugh Roe O’Donnell 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, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to be read once and passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Mejia). Assigned for further action.

Recess.

0324 **Councilor Flynn, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0325 **Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22, Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0326 **Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance regulating all e-bikes in the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0327 **Councilor Pepén, Flynn, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the creation of safe school zones to improve pedestrian safety around all schools in the City of Boston. On motion of Councilors Pepén and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

- 0328 Councilor Louijeune, Breadon, Pepén, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing on a scalable funding model for an immigrant Emergency Response Fund.
Councilor Coletta Zapata in the chair.
On motion of Councilors Louijeune and Breadon, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Pepén as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Civil Rights, Racial Equity, and Immigrant Advancement.
- 0329 Councilor Worrell, Flynn, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén and Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the mission, goals, objectives, and challenges at the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT).
Councilor Breadon in the chair.
On motion of Councilors Worrell and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Weber as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0330 Councilor Santana, Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding MassCore graduation requirements and student supports in Boston Public Schools.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0331 Councilor Pepén, Durkan, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss ways to repair and maintain private ways.
On motion of Councilors Pepén and Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Worrell as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0332 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the importance of the cruise industry in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0333 Councilor Flynn, Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and Vision Zero in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0334 Councilor Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing on community college access and student success for Boston residents.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0335 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.
Referred to the Committee on City Services.

- 0336 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.
Referred to the Committee on Labor and Economic Development.
- 0337 Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to consider a full independent audit of Boston Public Schools' finances, operations and program effectiveness.
Referred to the Committee on Post-Audit.
- 0338 Councilor Flynn, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss property tax relief for long-term residents and essential municipal employees.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0339 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the Office of Arts and Culture and the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism and Special Events.
- 0340 Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine student academic outcomes and return on investment in Boston Public Schools.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0341 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the status of the City of Boston's application to certify with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Ranking System (CRS).
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0342 Councilor Murphy, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine graduation requirement implementation, waivers, and equity in Boston Public Schools.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0343 Councilor Santana, Pepén, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to continue exploring strategies for developing mixed-income social housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.
On motion of Councilors Santana and Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

- 0344 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the educational and workforce development past successes and future opportunities of youth jobs offered by the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Labor and Economic Development.
- 0345 Councilor Durkan, Breadon, Santana, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore amending the Boston Zoning Code to shift residential use to allowed where appropriate.
Councilor Coletta Zapata in the chair.
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 Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0346 Councilor Durkan, Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the inclusion of pollinator corridors as part of sustainable development.
Councilor Breadon in the chair.
On motion of Councilors Durkan and Coletta Zapata, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0347 Councilor Santana, Culpepper, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing housing choice vouchers.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0348 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding LGBTQIA+ youth and young adult homelessness in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 0349 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to adult entertainment.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 0350 Councilor Culpepper, Flynn, FitzGerald, Breadon, Durkan, Louijeune, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing on the status of the South End Branch Library reopening.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

- 0351 Councilor Culpepper, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of reopening the South End Branch of the Boston Public Library and recognizing the contributions and efforts of Marleen Nienhuis to Improving the South End Branch Library.
Councilor Culpepper moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Durkan. Motion prevailed.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 9 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Santana, Weber, and Worrell), not present 2 (Coletta Zapata, Murphy), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).
- 0352 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Durkan, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing June 2026 as Pride Month.
On motion of Councilors Santana and Breadon, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Durkan as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Human Services.
- 0353 Councilor Culpepper, Durkan, Flynn, Breadon, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the avoidable tragic death of Carvell Curry and urging the City and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to adopt compassionate cold-weather emergency shelter policies.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Flynn as an original co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Durkan, and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0354 Councilor Culpepper, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of establishing a crossing guards corps at Trotter Elementary School.
Councilor Culpepper moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Weber. Motion prevailed.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber, and Worrell), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).
- 0355 Councilor Louijeune, Coletta Zapata, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution affirming Boston's Ranked Choice Voting Home Rule Petition.
Referred to the Committee on Census, Redistricting, and Elections.
- 0356 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution in support of "An Executive Order to Protect Bostonians from Unconstitutional and Violent Federal Operations."
Objection by Councilor Flynn.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.

- 0357 Councilor Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution supporting U.S. Discharge Petition No. 15 to advance federal legislation providing Temporary Protected Status for Haiti. On motion of Councilor Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber, and Worrell), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).
- 0358 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, Louijeune, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Irish-American Heritage Month. On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor. On motion of Councilors Murphy, Flynn, and FitzGerald, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber, and Worrell), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).
- 0359 Councilor Culpepper, Pepén, Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution to embrace and extend heartfelt wishes to the beloved Muslim community in Boston, Massachusetts, throughout the United States, and across the globe, invoking blessings upon them as they embark upon the sacred journey of Ramadan, a month revered for its rituals of prayer, fasting, charity, and deep reflection. On motion of Councilors Culpepper and Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Coletta Zapata as an original co-sponsor. On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Pepén, and Coletta Zapata, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber, and Worrell), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).
- 0360 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Flynn offers the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employees Charles Levin, Melissa Lo, Sydney Scanlan, and Ashley Lavey in City Council, effective February 7, 2026. Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0361 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Santana offers the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Juan De Jesus Concepcion in City Council, effective February 14, 2026. Passed under suspension of the rules.

0130 Councilor Santana called Docket #0130, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Training Academy Earmark Grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund the Boston Fire Department Training Academy to provide training and instruction for public safety agencies in the City of Boston and municipal and political subdivisions across the Commonwealth, per line item 8324-0000 of the FY26 General Appropriations Act, 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 order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber, and Worrell), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).

0136 Councilor Santana called Docket #0136, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, the FY26 Delta Unit Earmark Grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant would fund the Boston Fire Department to conduct dedicated emergency services through its Delta Units, consisting of 3 Delta Unit vehicles assigned to Castle Island, Pleasure Bay and Carson Beach respectively, within the Old Harbor Reservation in the South Boston section of the City of Boston, seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive, per line item 8324-0050 of the FY26 General Appropriations Act, 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 order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber, and Worrell), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, 8 late-filed matters would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matters were added:

0369 Message and order for your approval an Order appropriating from the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund in the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$650,000.00) for projects described in the attached order. The Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund Commissioners voted to approve these projects.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 2 (Mejia, Pepén).

0370 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for the appointment of central staff employees in City Council, effective February 27, 2026. Passed under suspension of the rules.

0371 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for the appointment of central staff employees in City Council, effective March 13, 2026. Passed under suspension of the rules.

0372 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Alexander Rocha in City Council, effective March 13, 2026. Passed under suspension of the rules.

0373 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Daniel Idemudia in City Council, effective March 13, 2026.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

0374 **Councilor Murphy, Flynn, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Louijeune, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Emergency Hearing Order regarding chronic school bus delays and special education transportation failures.

On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

0375 Notice was received from Councilor Mejia regarding her absence from the February 11, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Placed on file.

0376 Notice was received from Councilor Pepen regarding his absence from the February 11, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Placed on file.

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

0362 **Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing eight (8) individuals upon their receipt of the Propa City Community Outreach Angel Award and Lighthouse Award.

0363 **Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Paul Goodnight.

0364 **Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Judge Leslie Harris.

0365 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Vineet Gupta.

0366 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution celebrating the inaugural opening of the Frostival Lodge.

0367 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Edward T. Donovan.

0368 **Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Rev. Msgr. Francis H. Kelley.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:42 p.m. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Edward T. Donovan, Rev. Msgr. Francis H. Kelley, Philip Cohen Myrick, James Van Der Beek, Judge Leslie Harris, and Carvell Curry, to meet again on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk