



April 16, 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, April 16, 2025 at 12:07 P.M.

President Louijeune in the Chair. Absent, Councilor Fernandes Anderson.

Reverend Heather Concannon, Theodore Parker Church, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the April 9, 2025 meeting.
Motion Prevailed.

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- 0885** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY25 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund housing, economic development and social services program. The award amount is estimated from prior years.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0886** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the production of new affordable rental and homeownership housing, and also provide operating support for community development corporations. The award amount is estimated from prior years.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0887** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,149,200.00) in the form of a grant for the YouthWorks Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development for be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a Summer and School Year jobs program that will provide leadership development, skills training, and career exploration for low-income at-risk youth ages 14-25.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0888** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund services for income-eligible individuals and families affected by AIDS. The award amount is estimated from prior years.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
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- 0889** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Emergency Solutions Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and shelter services. The award amount is estimated from prior years. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0890** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Immigrant Advancement Fund Grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Immigrant Advancement. The grant will fund programs, initiatives, events and small grants that enable immigrants to play an active role in the economic, civic, social and cultural life of the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Civil Rights and Immigrant Advancement.
- 0891** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2026 (BRIC Grant), awarded by the Federal Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by Emergency Preparedness. The grant will fund a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0892** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$137,753.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25/FY26 Retired Senior Volunteer Program grant, awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund administration for senior community service volunteers, including reimbursement for meals and travel expenses. Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0893** Message and order 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 CJP Communal Security Initiative, awarded by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the installation of CCTV cameras outside the Jewish institutions, to be monitored by the Police Department, in hopes of protecting faith based institutions. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0894** Message transmitting certain information under section 17F re: TNC Rideshare arrests, filed on Docket #0617, passed by the City Council on March 5, 2025. Placed on file.
- 0895** Message transmitting certain information under section 17F re: Students with Disabilities, filed on Docket #0775, passed by the City Council on April 2, 2025. Placed on file.

0896 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Jessica Boatright as a chairperson of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board for a term expiring on April 24, 2026. Placed on file.

0897 Communication was received from Councilor Fernandes Anderson regarding Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation and its leadership. Placed on file.

0898 Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of April 2, 2025. Placed on file.

Dockets #0822-0824, Orders for the FY26 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB). Remain in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Dockets #0825-0827, Orders for capital fund credited appropriations. Remain in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Dockets #0828-0830, Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements. Remain in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Dockets #0831-0845, Orders authorizing limits for departmental revolving funds, including Law, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Schools, and Police, and other budget-related dockets. Remain in the Committee of Ways and Means.

0899 WITHDRAWN

0900 **Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Louijeune offered the following:** Ordinance creating a municipal identification card in the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0901 **Councilor Louijeune and Breadon offered the following:** On the Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Office of District Councilor in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the petition ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the petition was passed; yeas 9, nays 3 (FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy) not present 1 (Fernandes Anderson). Councilor Worrell in the Chair.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0902 WITHDRAWN

0903 **Councilor Santana, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for the Boston City Council to hold a policy briefing on the public safety and criminal justice implementation and impacts in the City of Boston of the "Shield Law," known formally as "A Massachusetts Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Care."

Councilor Louijeune in the Chair.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- 0904 Councilor Flynn, Murphy and FitzGerald offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss creating an Oversight Committee on Accountability and Compliance on the Boston City Council.
Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- 0905 Councilor Weber, Pepén, Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the impacts of social media on Boston Public School students.
On motion of Councilor Weber, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Durkan as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0906 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under 17F re: State Receivership of Boston's Election Commission.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0907 Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of House Bill No. 148: an Act establishing a livable home modification grant program.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12.
- 0908 Councilor Worrell, Durkan, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution supporting the Museum of African American History in Boston.
Councilor Worrell moved to substitute language. Motion prevailed.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Durkan and Louijeune as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Worrell, Durkan and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12.
- 0909 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in Honor of Earth Day.
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
The rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0910 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride.
On motion of Councilor Coletta Zapata, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
The rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0911 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution calling for the prompt scheduling of a special election to fill the vacancy in District 7.
Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- 0912 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Sherri R. Cajuste in City Council, effective April 29, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

- 0913** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Ron Cobb, Cora Montrond and Lorraine Schettino in City Council, effective April 12, 2025
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0914** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Ron Cobb, Cora Montrond and Lorraine Schettino in City Council, effective April 19, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0687** Councilor Flynn called Docket #0687, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Red Sox Arts and Parks Program Grant, awarded by the Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will fund arts programming, community events and parks operations across Boston, from the Committee on Arts Culture, Entertainment, Tourism and Special Events.
No objection heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the order was passed.

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

- 0937** Communication was received from Councilor Fernandes Anderson regarding her absence from the April 16, 2025 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.
- 0938** Communication was received from Councilors Murphy and Flynn regarding a request to reschedule the Special City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.

16/25 Legislative Calendar for April 16, 2025.

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

- 0915** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in support of ZIM Integrated Shipping Services & President and Chief Executive Eli Glickman.
- 0916** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Diane Modica.
- 0917** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Julia Pistorino.
- 0918** **Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Damien Donovan.
- 0919** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brig. General Enoch Woodhouse.
- 0920** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Treasury Indian & Greek Kitchen.
- 0921** **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution congratulating David P. Manfredi.
- 0922** **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Elizabeth Lowrey.
- 0923** **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Shaila Fontes Da Veiga.

- 0924 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Constance English.
- 0925 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Constance Leone.
- 0926 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Lanita Smith.
- 0927 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of John Donald McLaughlin.
- 0928 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Jean Ernst Luc & Marie Mireille Paul.
- 0929 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating nineteen Honorees of CFOB's MLK Jr. Award Banquet.
- 0930 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Liza Meyer.
- 0931 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Julie's Family Learning Program.
- 0932 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Catholic Memorial School Hockey Team.
- 0933 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Zim Integrated Shipping Services.
- 0934 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Animal Rescue League.
- 0935 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Chinatown Business Association.
- 0936 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Save the Harbor & Save the Bay.

The Chair stated in absence of objection, one late file matter would be added to the Consent Agenda. No objection heard, the following item was added:

- 0939 Councilor Louijeune, Worrell and FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution declaring Louis D. Brown Day of Civic Engagement.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:18 P.M. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Bill DeCroce and John Donald McLaughlin, to meet again on Wednesday, April 26, 2025, at 12:00 P.M.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk