



August 05, 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, August 5, 2026 at 12:17 P.M.

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

Pastor Enoch Liao, Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the July 22, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

1513 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) in the form of a grant, the HBS Leadership Fellow Grant, awarded by Harvard Business School to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant would fund the HBS Leadership Fellow position which will provide 1 year of support to the Mayor's Office.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed: yeas 10 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 2 (Louijeune, Pepén), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1514 Message and order to declare surplus City-owned property currently under the management of the Mayor's Office of Housing and transfer the care, custody, control and management thereof to the Public Facilities Commission. The Property comprises two (2) unnumbered parcels located at Melnea Cass Boulevard in the Roxbury District (Ward 09, Parcel #02225000, 02240000). The surplus vote will allow the City to later transfer the land to the Boston Planning and Development Agency ("BPDA") pursuant to a 2002 Memorandum of Agreement between the City, BPDA, and MassDOT.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

1515 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Giovanni Valencia, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2027.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

1516 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Katie Whewell, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2027.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

1517 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Alan E. Langham, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2028.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

- 1518** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Sherry Dong, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2029.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1519** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Shamaiah Turner, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2029.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1520** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Jeanne Pinado, as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2027.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1521** Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of David Collins, as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2028.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1522** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Carla Monteiro, as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2028.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1523** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Patrick Walsh, as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on November 1, 2028.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1524** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of William Masterson, as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring on May 1, 2029.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
- 1525** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of renewal constables authorized to serve civil process upon the filing of their bonds for the period commencing May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2029.
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended, the appointments were confirmed; yeas 12, (Breadon, Durkan, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1526** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of a new Inspectional Services constable, Carl C. Horner, authorized to serve civil process upon the filing of his bond for the period commencing May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2028.
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended, the appointment was confirmed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Durkan, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1527** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Ava Callender Concepcion as a Member of the City of Boston Licensing Board, for a term expiring June 7, 2032.
Placed on file.

- 1528** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 regarding action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of July 8, 2026.
Placed on file.
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Placed on file.
- 1530** Notice was received from the Auditing Department providing the Fiscal Year 2027 Payroll Allotment Schedules for all City Departments.
Placed on file.
- 1531** Notice was received from Robert Allison regarding his resignation as a Member of the Commemoration Commission, effective July 9, 2026.
Placed on file.
- 1532** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding the selling of stolen goods and food, including meat, in the City of Boston.
Placed on file.
- 1533** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding increases in phone theft, financial, and related scams.
Placed on file.
- 1534** Communication was received from Councilor Culpepper regarding the Medical Examiner's homicide determination in the death of Shacoby Kenny and the accompanying letter to the Acting Suffolk County Sheriff.
Placed on file.
- 1535** Communication was received from Councilor Murphy regarding a request for independent state oversight of Boston Public Schools transportation and Transdev.
Placed on file.
- 1536** Communication was received from Councilor Murphy regarding the requested briefing on Boston's Summer Public Safety Plan.
Placed on file.
- 1537** Communication was received from the Law Department regarding an Open Meeting Law complaint filed in City Council on July 8, 2026, Docket #1327.
Placed on file.
- 1538** Communication was received from Council President Liz Breadon to address an Open Meeting Law complaint and respond accordingly on behalf of the Boston City Council.
Referred to the Law Department.
- 1539** Communication was received by the City Clerk from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The New England Conservatory, 290 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA, as a Landmark (in effect after August 28, 2026 if not acted upon).
On motion of Councilor Durkan, the rules were suspended; the designation was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Mejia), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

Councilor Louijeune, on behalf of the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following:

1223 On the message and order, referred on June 22, 2026, Docket #1223, an Ordinance authorizing the City of Boston, acting through its Environment Department, to amend the Distributed Energy Resource Revenue Revolving Fund, 30396E. The current language for 30396E is limited in its use, and the changes proposed will allow for proper usage of 30396E while maintaining its original purpose. The amended language will allow the fund to properly capture revenues and expenditures, ensuring an enhanced and seamless financial process for current City energy activities. These amendments will properly capture demand response revenue and allow for the further development of the City's demand response program, increasing energy savings, and reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions produced by emissions not addressed through the City's distributed energy resources, the committee submitted a report recommending that the ordinance ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Mejia), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

Councilor Durkan, on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, submitted the following:

1316 On the message and order, referred on July 8, 2026, Docket #1316, for the confirmation of the appointment of Felicia Jacques as a member of the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board, for a term expiring August 15, 2029, the committee submitted a report recommending the appointment ought to be confirmed in a new draft.

The report was accepted; the appointment was confirmed in a new draft: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Mejia), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1540 **Councilor Worrell, Culpepper, Murphy, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:**

Ordinance to Address Street Takeovers in the City of Boston.

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

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

1541 **Councilor Santana, Louijeune, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:**

Ordinance Establishing Minimum Training Requirements For Unarmed Security Guards.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

1542 **Councilor Weber, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review safety of the operation of heavy commercial vehicles and potential measures to protect pedestrians and cyclists in the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

1543 **Councilor Durkan, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:**

Order for a hearing on traffic enforcement of blocked bike lanes and crosswalks.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

- 1544 Councilor Louijeune, Culpepper, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the future of Boston's nighttime economy.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Culpepper and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism and Special Events.
- 1545 Councilor Worrell, Culpepper, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore a pilot program allowing the Boston Police Department to deploy noise cameras.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 1546 Councilor Flynn, Culpepper, Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to examine services provided by the City of Boston to families of victims of violent crime and homicide.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Culpepper and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 1547 Councilor Flynn, FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to study a waiver from the residency requirement and allow for transfers from other municipalities to the Boston Police Department.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 1548 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in support of allowing retired police officers the opportunity to work paid details.
On motion of Councilors Flynn and Murphy, the rules were suspended, the resolution was adopted; yeas 9 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Worrell), present 3 (Louijeune, Mejia, Weber), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1549 Councilor Flynn, FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in support of waiving the residency requirement to allow for transfers from other municipalities to the Boston Police Department.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was not adopted: yeas 3 (FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy), nays 9 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1550 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution calling for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department to adopt critical-incident administrative leave standards in light of the Medical Examiner's homicide determination in the death of Shacoby Kenny.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Mejia, and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), present 1 (Durkan), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1551 WITHDRAWN**

- 1552 Councilor Louijeune, Breadon and Santana offered the following:** Resolution calling for an immediate housing stabilization response system for Boston residents who involuntarily lose work authorization due to federal changes in immigration policy.
Objection by Councilor Flynn.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 1553 Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the importance of Teen Dating Violence awareness.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1554 Councilor Murphy, Flynn and Pepén offered the following:** Resolution supporting state and federal oversight of Transdev safety records and calling for greater transparency and accountability in Boston Public Schools transportation.
On motion of Councilor Murphy, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Flynn and Pepén as original co-sponsors.
Objection by Councilor Mejia.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 1555 Councilor Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National Farmers Market Week.
Councilor Culpepper in the chair.
On motion of Councilor Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 11 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Mejia), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1556 Councilor Murphy, FitzGerald, Flynn, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National Health Center Week and honoring Boston's community health centers.
Councilor Breadon in the chair.
On motion of Councilor Murphy, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors FitzGerald and Flynn as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Murphy, FitzGerald, and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).
- 1557 Councilor Worrell, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing August 6 as Jamaica Independence Day in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1558 Councilor Mejia, Santana, Pepén, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing August 16, 2026 as Dominican Cultural Day. On motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Santana and Pepén as original co-sponsors. On motion of Councilors Mejia, Santana, and Pepén, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1311 Councilor Weber called Docket #1311, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying the costs of a feasibility study and schematic design associated with a project for the Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, located at 75 Malcolm X Blvd, Roxbury, MA 02120. 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, from the Committee on Ways and Means. No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body. On motion of Councilor Weber, the order was read a second time and again passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

1312 Councilor Weber called Docket #1312, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study and schematic design work associated with window, door, and roof projects at the following schools: Boston Adult Academy, Joseph J. Hurley School, Ellis Mendell Elementary School, Joyce Kilmer K-8 School, and Lyon Upper 9-12 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, from the Committee on Ways and Means. No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body. On motion of Councilor Weber, the order was read a second time and again passed: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

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

1587 Councilor Breadon for Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Mohamed Diallo and Kilee Simon in City Council, effective August 1, 2026. Passed under suspension of the rules.

1588 Councilor Pepén, Louijeune, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Emergency resolution urging the City of Boston to oppose the leasing of parking spaces to ICE in Boston.

On motion of Councilors Pepén and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), absent 1 (Coletta Zapata).

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

1559 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing 2026 Sox for Socks.

1560 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing James "Jimmy" Taylor.

1561 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing Commonwealth Shakespeare Company.

1562 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing Natalia Torbina.

1563 Councilor Durkan and Santana offered the following: Resolution declaring July 25, 2026 as "Mission Main Family Fun Day" in the City of Boston.

1564 Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Susan L. Curry.

1565 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution in memory of William John Yamarick.

1566 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution in memory of Marek Eugeniusz Konka.

1567 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cecilia Abraham.

1568 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Caribbean Carnival Contributors.

1569 Councilor FitzGerald, Durkan and Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing John Jackson.

1570 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mary Ellen McCormack Community.

1571 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Gallivan Boulevard Residents and Community.

1572 Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Gordon Thompson.

1573 Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Moses Borders.

1574 Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kool DJ Red Alert.

1575 Councilor Culpepper offered the following: Resolution recognizing Leland Clarke.

- 1576 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Richard H. Peters.
- 1577 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Gareth R. Saunders.
- 1578 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Johnson Hadley Williams Family.
- 1579 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Mother Mary Louis Cain-Stampley.
- 1580 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Nga (Jenny) Chan.
- 1581 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of William P. Marchione, Jr.
- 1582 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating ABHC Brighton Farmers Market on their 10-year anniversary.
- 1583 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Dan Cuddy.
- 1584 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution declaring August 18, 2026, as Shey Peddy Day in the City of Boston.
- 1585 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the second weekend of August as "Crew Love Weekend" in the City of Boston.
- 1586 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Larry Seamans.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:25 P.M. on motion of President Breadon, in memory of Ellen T. Doris O'Rourke, Neila Nelson Christopher, Chaplin Robin D. Holley, Edwige Guillaume, Helen Cox, Janel Jones, Mark Reed, Jr., Rev. Dr. William Means, Mary Cunniff, Denise Toomey, Billy O'Shea, Manuel Peña, and Bill Marchione to meet again on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 12:00 P.M.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk