



May 14, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher J. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 12:07 P.M.

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

Pastor Dieufort Jean Fleurissaant, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the May 7, 2025 meeting.
Motion prevailed.

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- 1051** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$23,860.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant-Round 2, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the procurement of necessary equipment firefighter personal protective and safety equipment to comply with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1052** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the BTHC Program, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund free tax preparation and filing services to low and moderate income Boston residents.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 1053** Communication was received from Council President Louijeune regarding City Council Rule 40A.
Placed on file.
- 1054** Communication was received from Scott Finn, City Auditor, transmitting a list of FY25 reallocations made by the Mayor prior to April 15, 2025, for the purpose of continuing operations.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1055** Communication from Councilor Flynn regarding Downtown Public Safety.
Placed on file.
- 1056** Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The Old North Church and Campus, 193 Salem Street, Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after June 6, 2025 if not acted upon).
The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12, absent 1 (Fernandes Anderson).

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

0144 On the message and order, referred on January 8, 2025, Docket #0144, Petition for a Special Law Re: Ranked Choice Voting in Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.

The report was accepted; the ordinance was passed in a new draft; yeas 8, nays 4 (Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy), absent 1 (Fernandes Anderson).

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 on Ways & Means.

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

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

1057 Councilor Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing May as Haitian Heritage Month and May 18 as Haitian Flag Day.
Councilor Worrell in the Chair.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1058 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Ordinance expediting the review of coastal resilient projects by amending Article 25A, Resilience Review, in the zoning code of the City of Boston.
President Louijeune in the Chair.
Councilor Coletta Zapata moved for substitution of language.
Motion prevailed.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

1059 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following: Ordinance Establishing A Road Safety and Community Engagement Commission to Regulate the Use of Bicycles, E-bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Motorized Scooters in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

- 1060 Councilor Worrell, Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Breadon, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Ordinance Codifying the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT).
Councilor Coletta Zapata moved for substitution of language.
Motion prevailed.
On motion of Councilors Worrell and Coletta Zapata, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Worrell, Coletta Zapata and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the Ordinance was passed.
- 1061 Councilor Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition For A Special Law Re: An Act Relative To The Office of District Councilor In The City of Boston.
Councilor Worrell in the Chair.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 1062 Councilor Santana, Flynn, Louijeune, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding occupational cancer risks for Boston Firefighters, and programs the City of Boston offers or could offer for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.
President Louijeune in the Chair.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1063 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Health Commission's "Health of Asian Residents in Boston" Report.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 1064 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Second order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Disclosure of Individual Recipients of City-Funded Down Payment Assistance Grants Disbursed Since 2021.
On motion of Councilor Murphy, the order did not pass; yeas 3 (FitzGerald, Flynn and Murphy) nays 8, present 1 (Mejia), absent 1 (Fernandes Anderson).
- 1065 Councilor Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution designating a Hero Square at the intersection of Stratford and Kenneth streets in West Roxbury in recognition of William Roddy.
On motion of Councilor Weber, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1066 Councilor Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution designating a Hero Square at the intersection of Stratford and Kenneth streets in West Roxbury in recognition of Thomas Roddy.
On motion of Councilor Weber, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1067 Councilor Santana, Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution urging the federal government not to cut life-saving cancer research in the City of Boston.

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

1068 Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following: Resolution in support of ethical leadership and a Council vote on the status of Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

1069 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Briejah Ayer and Isabelle Nelson in City Council, effective May 24, 2025.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1070 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Aiden Walsh in City Council, effective June 14, 2025.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

1092 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fitzgerald offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Jessica Correia, Amanda Curley, Liam Rimas and Julie Ryan in City Council, effective May 31, 2025.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1093 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fitzgerald offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Jessica Correia, Amanda Curley, Liam Rimas and Julie Ryan in City Council, effective June 7, 2025.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1094 Notice was received from Councilor Fernandes Anderson regarding her absence from the May 14, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Placed on file.

14/25 Legislative Calendar for May 14, 2025.

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

1071 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution in memory of Danny "Budzo" Ryan.

1072 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing La Liga Aneja.

1073 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing City Feed and Supply.

1074 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Hyde Square Task Force.

1075 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution in memory of Paul S. Greenfield.

1076 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing Calvin Jaing.

- 1077 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ana de Souza Correa.
- 1078 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Lydia McCue.
- 1079 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Davio's Seaport.
- 1080 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Eliot School.
- 1081 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing United South End Settlements.
- 1082 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Eastie Farm.
- 1083 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Sonja Tengblad.
- 1084 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ken Burns.
- 1085 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Marcelo Suarez-Orozco.
- 1086 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Boston Harbor Now.
- 1087 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Bill Masterson.
- 1088 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Major General Joseph Warren.
- 1089 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Gloria Pizzarella.
- 1090 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Bunker Hill Associates.
- 1091 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Mary Lou Cronin.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:34 P.M. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Father James Duran, Peter Baldassari, Christian J. Mayo, Elmira Budo, Charlene Roberts-Hayden, Daniel-Ange Clairvil, Marvin Olivier Casseus, Mary Lou Cronin and Michael Wittler, to meet again on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk