



April 01, 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, April 1, 2026 at 12:12 PM.

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

Sister Jean Marie Gribaudo, Sisters of Saint Joseph's of Boston, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the March 25, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

0688 Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in the form of a grant, Local Food Policy Grant, awarded by MA Department of Agricultural Resources to be administered by the Office of Food Justice. The grant would fund a food working group of Boston-based anchor institutions with Boston Public Schools to build shared commitment to values-based food purchasing, food recovery, develop a baseline of procurement data, and develop a process to track shared food purchasing metrics and goals.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

0689 Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$13,735.00) in the form of a grant, the Mass Commission for the Blind Grant, awarded by MassHire Department of Career Services to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

0690 Communication was received from Lawrence S. DiCara, Chairman of the Audit Committee, regarding the financial status of the City.
Placed on file.

0691 Communication was received from Ashley Groffenberger, Chief Financial Officer and Collector-Treasurer, regarding budget challenges that will need to be addressed in the current fiscal year.
Placed on file.

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

0268 On the petition, referred on February 4, 2026, Docket #0268, for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Pension Benefits for Firefighter Leo J. Bracken, the committee submitted a report recommending that this matter ought to pass in a new draft.

Councilor Coletta Zapata moved to substitute language. Seconded by Councilor Flynn. Motion prevailed.

The report was accepted; the petition was passed in a new draft: yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Mejia).

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

0570 On the message and order, referred on March 18, 2026, Docket #0570, 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 project at the following school: 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, the committee submitted a report that the order ought to be read for the first time and assigned for further action.

The report was accepted; the order was read once and passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
Assigned for further action.

0571 On the message and order, referred on March 18, 2026, Docket #0571, 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 heat pump conversion and roof replacement projects at the following schools: Margarita Muniz Academy, Mildred Avenue K-8 School, and 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, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to be read for the first time and assigned for further action in a new draft.

The report was accepted; the order was read once and passed in a new draft: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
Assigned for further action.

0179 Order for a hearing to discuss food insecurity and malnutrition in the City of Boston.

Remains in the Committee on Human Services.

0270 Order for a hearing to explore snow removal relief and options.

Remains in the Committee on City Services.

0291 Order for a hearing to discuss creation of a snow corps in Boston.

Remains in the Committee on City Services.

0374 Emergency Hearing Order regarding chronic school bus delays and special education transportation failures.
Remains in the Committee on Education.

0400 Order for a hearing regarding all City of Boston grants administered by the Boston Fire Department.
Remains in the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.

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

0619 On the message and order, referred on March 25, 2026, Docket #0619, to reduce the FY26 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million, Forty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$1,046,178.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY26 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the United Steelworkers 2936 (Bus Monitors), the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to be passed.

The report was accepted; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0620 On the message and order, referred on March 25, 2026, Docket #0620, for a supplemental appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY26 in the amount of One Million, Forty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$1,046,178.00) to cover the FY26 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the School Committee of the City of Boston and the United Steelworkers 2936 (Bus Monitors). The terms of the contracts are July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% to be given in July of each fiscal year of the contract term, as well as a \$1/hr flat increase in January, 2026 and a \$0.70/hr flat increase (for assigned monitors only) in January, 2028, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to be passed.

The report was accepted; the order was passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

0692 **Councilor Culpepper, Louijeune, Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance Establishing a Pharmacy Stabilization and Access Fund.

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

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0693 **Councilor Santana, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding barriers to accessing gender-affirming healthcare in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.

- 0694 Councilor Mejia, Pepén, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing on the conditions, operations, and access of Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Pools.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Murphy as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Human Services.
- 0695 Councilor Worrell, Culpepper, Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing on the status of the implementation of the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Culpepper and Mejia as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0696 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Police Department staffing levels.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
- 0697 Councilor Louijeune, Worrell, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Santana offered the following:** Order to Accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, Authorizing Annual Increases to Senior Exemption Income and Asset Limits.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Worrell and Weber as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0698 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to BPS student-athlete school transfer policies.
On motion of Councilor Coletta Zapata, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0699 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding environmental impact, transportation planning, and resiliency considerations associated with Franklin Park and the White Stadium project.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0700 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding MWBE participation, local business inclusion, workforce impact, and procurement practices associated with the White Stadium project.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.

- 0701 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of the "DHS Use of Force Transparency Act."
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Mejia, and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0702 Councilor Culpepper, Mejia, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution demanding that the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement does not staff vacant TSA positions at Boston Logan International Airport.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Culpepper, Mejia, and Worrell, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), nays 1 (Flynn).
- 0703 Councilor Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution declaring April 2, 2026 "Cardi B Day" in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Santana as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Mejia, Pepén, and Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0704 Councilor Worrell, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month.
Councilor Coletta Zapata in the chair.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Breadon as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Worrell, Louijeune, and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0705 Councilor Culpepper, Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution urging the Governor to suspend the gas tax.
Councilor Breadon in the chair.
On motion of Councilor Culpepper, the rules were suspended; the resolution was not adopted: yeas 4 (Culpepper, Flynn, Murphy, Worrell), nays 8 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber), present 1 (Mejia).

- 0706** **Councilor Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the independence of The Republic Of Senegal and the raising of the Senegal Flag at Boston City Hall. On motion of Councilor Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0707** **Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of renaming the West Broadway Community Garden in honor of Kimberly Parker. On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 0708** Councilor Breadon offers the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Savita Maharaj in City Council, effective May 16, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0709** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Culpepper offers the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees McPhenley JeanMary and Dezire Ambroise in City Council, effective April 4, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0710** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Durkan offers the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Lily Sweeterman, Holly Margulius, Jessie Frasier, Lauren Carmi and Anthony Baez in City Council, effective March 21, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0711** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Murphy offers the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Andrew Galvin in City Council, effective March 28, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0712** Councilor Breadon for Councilor Flynn offers the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Ashley Lavey, Melissa Lo and Sydney Scanlan in City Council, effective March 28, 2026.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0321** Councilor Santana called Docket #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, from the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice.
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.
On motion of Councilor Santana, the order passed: yeas 13 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Culpepper, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, 2 late-filed matters would be added to the Agenda. Objection by Councilor Durkan.

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

- 0713 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Adam Pinter.
- 0714 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Edward McMahan.
- 0715 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Winship School Orchestra.
- 0716 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Karen Coleman.
- 0717 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Erik Grau and the Piano Craft Gallery.
- 0718 Councilor Culpepper offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Beulah Fagan Providence.
- 0719 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Luzmar Centeno.
- 0720 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Zulhay Garcia.
- 0721 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Demil Mahogany Ramirez Romero.
- 0722 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Priscila Duran-Luciano.
- 0723 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Holland Tech Boys' Basketball team.
- 0724 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Edna Humphrey.
- 0725 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Elizabeth A. Rivers.
- 0726 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Georges Alan Cavé.
- 0727 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing ZZ Ward.
- 0728 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the We Are Better Together Warren Daniel Hairston Project.
- 0729 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Paul B. McCarthy.

The Chair stated in absence of objection, 3 late-filed matters would be added to the Consent Agenda. No objection being heard, the following items were added:

- 0730 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Burton "Burt" F. Cushing.
- 0731 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Lori Williams Hubbard.
- 0732 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Bessie "Bette" (Anagnos) Calliontzis.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:07 p.m. on motion of President Breadon, and in memory of Teresa Basile, Boston Police Chief Paul B. McCarthy, Burton "Burt" F. Cushing, Lori Williams Hubbard, Bessie "Bette" Calliontzis, and Judith Gavin, to meet again on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk